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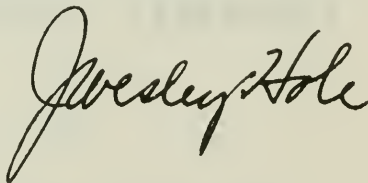
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<i>Bailey, A. Purnell</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Bailey, Donald E.</i>	North Indiana (NC)
<i>Baxley, Mrs. Beulah L.</i>	South Carolina (C)
<i>Bell, Raymond M.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Beltrami, Isais</i>	Uruguay (OS)
<i>Bennett, Gordon R.</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)
<i>Bonds, Alfred B., Jr.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Brown, Lawrence K.</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Brown, Miss Marion</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Brumley, Ira A.</i>	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Burns, Robert E.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Bush, Howard</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Calderwood, Robert C.</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Cherry, Clinton M.</i>	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Clay, Russell E.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Colwell, Ernest C.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Contractor, Joseph M.</i>	Gujarat (OS)
<i>Cottingham, Mrs. Thad J.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Crawford, Arthur M.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Das, Dalchand</i>	Moradabad (OS)
<i>Duncan, Robert H.</i>	Holston (SE)
<i>Egan, Jim A.</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Eldridge, Edgar A.</i>	Holston (SE)
<i>Evans, Garrett H.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Evers, Joseph C.</i>	Southern Illinois (NC)
<i>Fisher, James A.</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>Foote, Gaston</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Fossett, Clarence L.</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Foy, James D.</i>	Washington (C)
<i>Gacutan, Ezekias G.</i>	Northwest Philippines (OS)
<i>Gray, Darrel D.</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Gridley, Mrs. John</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Griffin, Frederick</i>	Belgium (OS)
<i>Heck, J. Holland</i>	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Herbert, R. B.</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Holm, Carl-Axel</i>	Sweden (OS)
<i>Humphrey, A. L.</i>	Texas (C)
<i>Hydon, Paul V.</i>	Troy (NE)
<i>Jackson, Douglas E.</i>	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Johnson, Ethel R.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Johnston, Joseph S.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Jones, G. Eliot</i>	Mississippi (SE)
<i>Jones, Lowell D.</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Kimbrough, R. Edwin</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>King, Mrs. Carl H.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>LeFevre, DeWitt C.</i>	Northern New York (NE)
<i>Lewis, G. Wesley</i>	Wyoming (NE)
<i>Luke, Challagalli</i>	Hyderabad (OS)
<i>Marsh, Charles F.</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Matthew, Glenn E.</i>	Central Kansas (SC)

<i>Mayer, Paul O.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>McDavid, Joel D.</i>	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Meadows, Archie L.</i>	North Mississippi (SE)
<i>Mills, Charles B.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Moore, Richard V.</i>	Florida (C)
<i>Moreland, J. Earl</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Munson, Sam A.</i>	Montana (W)
<i>Musamba, Isaac</i>	Rhodesia (OS)
<i>Mwenda, Gaston</i>	Southern Congo (OS)
<i>Nilsen, Einar-Anker</i>	Norway (OS)
<i>Noble, Fred B.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Northfelt, Merlyn W.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Norwood, June</i>	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Outler, Albert C.</i>	North Texas (SC)
<i>Oxnam, Robert F.</i>	Newark (NE)
<i>Palmer, J. Richard</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Propert, George R.</i>	New Jersey (NE)
<i>Rae, Mrs. Kirk</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Ram, Silas</i>	Madhya Pradesh (OS)
<i>Rising, Lloyd H.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Ristow, Cecil F.</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Robey, William T., Jr.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Savage, William E.</i>	Kentucky (SE)
<i>Schaff, Lester</i>	Central New York (NE)
<i>Shipp, Ronald</i>	Missouri East (SC)
<i>Schuh, Harry W.</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Shore, Philip L., Jr.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Simon, Leslie E.</i>	East Wisconsin (NC)
<i>Singh, Alfred</i>	Delhi (OS)
<i>Singh, Mehar</i>	Agra (OS)
<i>Somers, Howard B.</i>	Oregon (W)
<i>Standard, Forrest L.</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Steel, Marshall T.</i>	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Steele, Sam</i>	New Mexico (SC)
<i>Stocking, Carl L.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Stockwell, F. O.</i>	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
<i>Strother, William Bruce</i>	Tennessee (SE)
<i>Tate, Willis M.</i>	North Texas (SC)
<i>Thant, Miss Khin Khin</i>	Burma (OS)
<i>Thompson, Gordon G., Jr.</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Thrift, Charles T., Jr.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Titus, D. P.</i>	Lucknow (OS)
<i>Uhlinger, James R.</i>	New England (NE)
<i>Vosburg, Frederick C.</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Weaver, L. Stacy</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Wertz, D. Frederick</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Westerberg, Wesley M.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Wheatley, Melvin E., Jr.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Whitmore, Austin R.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Whyman, Henry C.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Wilcox, Wilbur</i>	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Willson, James M., Sr.</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)

NO. 4. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating distinctly to lay activities and the Board of Lay Activities; and relating to trustees, properties, church finance (general and local), and such activities of the church at large in and through its institutions and boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other committee.

Chairman—William C. Patten (New Mexico—SC)

Vice-Chairman—Howard M. Jones (Kentucky—SE)

Secretary—Clare N. Pettit (California-Nevada—W)

(Italics denote ministerial delegates)

Adams, Quinton D. Central Alabama (C)
Amark, Curt Sweden (OS)
Angles, Adolfo C. Bolivia (OS)

Bascom, Lester Central New York (NE)
Bautista, Samuel Philippines (OS)
Beatty, W. Carroll Baltimore (NE)
Beatty, William M. Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Bell, Thomas New England Southern (NE)
Bertholf, Lloyd M. Central Illinois (NC)
Blackburn, Henry W. Florida (SE)
Brown, Prentiss, Jr. Detroit (NC)
Buhler, Donald Southern California-Arizona (W)
Bumpers, E. Clay North Arkansas (SC)
Byus, William A., Jr. West Virginia (NE)

Cabrera, Ismeal Puerto Rico Provisional (NE)
Carson, Robert W. Newark (NE)
Chandler, Louis V. North Texas (SC)
Chew, Peter G. P. Sarawak (OS)
Clay, Thomas B. Genesee (NE)
Cox, N. Wayne North-East Ohio (NC)
Cummings, E. Millett Maine (NE)

Davidson, Matthew R. Lucknow (OS)
DeWeese, H. Owen North Indiana (NC)
Dixon, John A. Louisiana (SC)
Dodd, Paul R. Holston (SE)
Doenges, R. S. Rocky Mountain (W)
Don Carlos, Waldo E. South Iowa (NC)
DuBois, Hugh Missouri West (SC)

Fierro, Victor Chile (OS)
Fisher, John New England (NE)
Flaming, Wilbert K. Nebraska (SC)
Fletcher, Dennis R. Delaware (C)
Fröhlich, Günter Northeast Germany (OS)

Garcia, Manuel Cuba (SE)
Goens, Ray W. Texas (SC)
Gordon, Harry M. Wyoming (NE)
Griffin, Mrs. S. L. Upper Mississippi (C)
Grogan, Roy J. Central Texas (SC)

Harper, John R. Philadelphia (NE)
Hauser, Louis C. New York (NE)
Hillis, Raymond Little Rock (SC)

Hjelte, Marshall C.	Oregon (W)
Hubbard, Albert T.	Louisville (SE)
Jacoby, Wilbur	California-Nevada (W)
Jefferson, Allie G.	Virginia (SE)
Johansen, Frede	Denmark (OS)
Jones, Howard M.	Kentucky (SE)
Jordan, Bert C.	Mississippi (SE)
Kelly, Owen T.	Virginia (SE)
Kerr, Robert S., Jr.	Oklahoma (SC)
Kirchner, Frederick K.	Troy (NE)
Knupp, Robert E.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Lau, Clifford G.	West Wisconsin (NC)
Lee, Vernon L.	Northern New York (NE)
Livengood, Marion	Central Kansas (SC)
Madhu, B. James	South India (OS)
Malone, Frank D.	North Alabama (SE)
Martin, James I.	East Wisconsin (NC)
McCormick, Amos D.	East Tennessee (C)
McCullum, Ira W.	Mississippi (C)
Moller, Roy P.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Moses, Elbert R.	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Mumford, Robert J.	New Jersey (NE)
Myers, Arthur L.	Rock River (NC)
Neller, Alvin A.	Michigan (NC)
Notgrass, L. Kemper	Tennessee (SE)
O'Neal, Robert J.	Louisiana (SC)
Ortman, Ervin R.	South Dakota (NC)
Orton, Hubert E.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Pacetti, Madison F.	Florida (SE)
Parks, W. S.	South Georgia (SE)
Parsons, Elton W.	Peninsula (NE)
Patten, William C.	New Mexico (SC)
Patterson, D. Stewart	Baltimore (NE)
Pettit, Clare N.	California-Nevada (W)
Prigmore, L. T., Jr.	Holston (SE)
Proctor, George H.	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Quellhorst, Ronald	Kansas (SC)
Ready, W. J.	South Carolina (SE)
Reavley, Tom	Southwest Texas (SC)
Riley, Sumpter M., Jr.	Lexington (C)
Rode, Ryszard F.	Poland (OS)
Rojas, Juan B.	Bolivia (OS)
Rosser, Harold	Ohio (NC)
Salem, Joe T.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Samuel, Rajapur L.	Hyderabad (OS)
Schiele, Rudolf	Southwest Germany (OS)
Schroeder, Harry	Central Germany (OS)
Schupp, Oscar	Missouri East (SC)
Singh, Ashok B.	Bengal (OS)
Smith, Robert M.	Western North Carolina (SE)

Sohotra, Emmanuel M.	Indus River (OS)
Soltman, John C.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Stanley, Sam C.	North Mississippi (SE)
Steele, Clay E.	Rock River (NC)
Stoetzer, Karl S.	Northeast Germany (OS)
Surfus, Leland C.	North Iowa (NC)
Susat, Edward	Indiana (NC)
Sutton, William A.	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Taylor, Eben</i>	South Carolina (SE)
Thompson, Everett K.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Thompson, Lionel E.	Detroit (NC)
Tillman, Mrs. S. G.	Southwest (C)
Turnage, Roy L.	North Carolina (SE)
Velasco, Virgilio T.	Northern Philippines (OS)
<i>Ward, Paul M.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>White, Charles D.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
Whiteley, Lawrence E.	Minnesota (NC)
Wiant, Paul	Ohio (NC)
Williams, R. Clarence	North Alabama (SE)
Wong, Lai-Yuen	Malaya (OS)
Yancey, Charles L.	Memphis (SE)
Young, Harry E.	North Iowa (NC)

NO. 5. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to church membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the church, made by the law of the church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

Chairman—Truman W. Potter (West Virginia—NE)

Vice-Chairman—Wilson O. Weldon (Western North Carolina—SE)

Secretary—Mrs. Edwin A. Ingham (Southern California-Arizona—W)

(*Italics* denote ministerial delegates)

Adams, Charles V.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Anderson, Walter F.	North Carolina (SE)
Artzberger, A. T.	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Babbs, J. Carlton</i>	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Balcomb, Raymond E.</i>	Oregon (W)
Barnett, I. Nels	North Arkansas (SC)
<i>Blackwell, Derwood L.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Bugbee, Warren A.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Buta, Antonio	Angola (OS)
Coffee, Mrs. C. C.	Northwest Texas—(SC)
<i>Crain, Nuell C.</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
Cummings, Mrs. C. Clifford	Rock River (NC)
<i>Duck, David A.</i>	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Dyson, John B. A.</i>	Washington (C)
Egan, William F., Jr.	Southern New Jersey (NE)

<i>Felder, Luther B.</i>	Texas (C)
<i>Fidler, W. Z.</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Finch, Gomer W.</i>	West Wisconsin (NC)
<i>Gentry, Mrs. Max</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Goodwin, Mrs. Everett</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Goodrich, Robert E., Jr.</i>	North Texas (SC)
<i>Goodson, Gordon L.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Hall, N. Guy</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Hartenbower, Mrs. G. E.</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Hayes, Clare J.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Holbrook, Mrs. John</i>	Kentucky (SE)
<i>Holte, Alfred O.</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Howell, Mrs. J. P.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Hoy, Russell H.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Hozendorf, C. Ray</i>	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Hubbard, Fred</i>	South Dakota (NC)
<i>Ingham, Mrs. Edwin A.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>James, William M.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Jerome, J. E.</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Jeuther, Hermann</i>	South Germany (OS)
<i>Johnson, Lyman S.</i>	Central Kansas (SC)
<i>Jud, Eugene F.</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Keese, William A.</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Kelly, Mrs. John E.</i>	Genesee (NE)
<i>Khoo, Siaw-Hua</i>	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
<i>Kibler, Russell</i>	Indiana (NC)
<i>Lawrence, Mrs. Melvin E.</i>	New England (NE)
<i>Lester, Woodie D.</i>	Central West (C)
<i>Lurwick, George C.</i>	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Lyman, Howard A.</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>Manton, Frank E.</i>	Burma (OS)
<i>Marquardt, Mrs. A. R.</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Mathison, Marion C.</i>	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Mell, M. G.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Metcalf, Kenneth E.</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Mitchell, Mrs. B. V.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Montgomery, Edward</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Moore, J. Barcus</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Moorehead, Edwin E.</i>	Mississippi (SE)
<i>Murray, John V.</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Owens, Mrs. John A.</i>	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Perez, Carlos</i>	Cuba (SE)
<i>Pike, Mrs. LeRoy A.</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Pittard, Grady C., Jr.</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Poole, Daniel W.</i>	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Potter, Truman W.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Potts, Edgar A.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Ragsdale, Ray W.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Richardson, Mrs. Clarence E.</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Riddle, Earl W.</i>	Idaho (W)

Robinson, Stafford S. Florida (C)
Rogers, Mrs. C. J. Northwest Indiana (NC)
Roudebush, Roy R. North Indiana (NC)

Sargeant, John B. Florida (SE)
Scholz, Ernst P. Northeast Germany (OS)
Sisson, W. Rembert North Georgia (SE)
Smith, Holiday Holston (SE)
Smoot, Jewell M. Detroit (NC)
Sprowls, Claude S. Louisville (SE)
Staubach, William T., Jr. New York (NE)

Tamkin, Raymon Virginia (SE)
Taylor, Mrs. Adrienne Newark (NE)

Valenzuela, Raymond Chile (OS)
Vereen, Mrs. L. C. North Carolina (SE)

Wagner, Joseph H. Missouri East (SC)
Walkup, Elbert E. Tennessee (SE)
Watkins, Clyde F. Holston (SE)
Weldon, Wilson O. Western North Carolina (SE)

Yocom, Donald R. Ohio (NC)

NO. 6. MINISTRY

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

Chairman—William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE)
Vice-Chairman—Amos A. Thornburg (Rock River—NC)
Secretary—Finis A. Crutchfield (Oklahoma—SC)

(Italics denote ministerial delegates)

Adams, Kenneth W. California-Nevada (W)
Archer, Leslie C. Central Illinois (NC)
Averitt, James W. Louisville (SE)

Backhus, Harry W. III Virginia (SE)
Baidya, Sukumar Bengal (OS)
Bakhsh, Johnston S. Q. Indus River (OS)
Barnett, Vernie T. Southern Illinois (NC)
Bartram, John W. Montana (W)
Beckford, Lewis H. Maine (NE)
Borger, Clarence J. Central Kansas (SC)
Bouton, Leon W. Wyoming (NE)
Bowles, L. Lee Oklahoma (SC)
Boyd, Marvin L. Northwest Texas (SC)
Brooks, D. W. North Georgia (SE)
Bruns, Johann M. Northwest Germany (OS)
Burns, Lucy H. West Virginia (NE)
Burton, William N. Indiana (NC)

Cain, Richard W. Southern California-Arizona (W)
Cannon, William R. North Georgia (SE)
Carleton, Alsie H. North Texas (SC)
Chidzikwe, Josiah Rhodesia (OS)
Clem, Paul L. North Alabama (SE)
Crippen, James A. Detroit (NC)

<i>Crutchfield, Finis A.</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Curry, John W.</i>	South Carolina (C)
<i>Daludado, Pedro F.</i>	Northern Philippines (OS)
<i>Dickey, Edwin H.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Dixon, Ernest T., Jr.</i>	West Texas (C)
<i>Dodgen, Ethan W.</i>	North Arkansas (SC)
<i>Edwards, K. Morgan</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Eutsler, R. Kern</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Evans, Paul F.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Fowler, H. Thornton</i>	Tennessee (SE)
<i>Freeman, G. Ross</i>	South Georgia (SE)
<i>French, John E.</i>	Peninsula (NE)
<i>Fridy, W. Wallace</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Fulton, Ross A.</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Garcia, Catalino T.</i>	Middle Philippines (OS)
<i>Goodwin, Robert B.</i>	Newark (NE)
<i>Graham, John H.</i>	Upper Mississippi (C)
<i>Guderian, Lawrence E.</i>	Oregon (W)
<i>Guffick, William R.</i>	New Jersey (NE)
<i>Hager, Wesley H.</i>	Missouri East (SC)
<i>Hagler, Albert Dale</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Hall, Cortelyou C.</i>	Southwest (C)
<i>Handy, William T., Jr.</i>	Louisiana (C)
<i>Hann, Paul M.</i>	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Hardin, Edward L.</i>	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Harrison, Fred R.</i>	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Hefner, Cecil G.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Hierholzer, Elmer J.</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Holter, Don W.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Jarvis, Charles S.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Jones, William M.</i>	North Mississippi (SE)
<i>Kessler, Charles W.</i>	Troy (NE)
<i>Lander, Richard N.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Large, Dwight S.</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>Lawrence, Marquis W.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Leggett, J. Willard, Jr.</i>	Mississippi (SE)
<i>Lindgren, Alvin J.</i>	East Wisconsin (NC)
<i>Lord, Lemuel K.</i>	New England (NE)
<i>Loyd, W. Harold</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Lueg, Carl F.</i>	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Lyles, Paul T.</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>Martin, Morrill O.</i>	New England Southern (NE)
<i>Massey, Daniel B.</i>	Moradabad (OS)
<i>Master, Ithiel V.</i>	Gujarat (OS)
<i>Matthies, Johannes</i>	South Germany (OS)
<i>Mayes, Allen M.</i>	Texas (C)
<i>McCleskey, Wayne H.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>McKay, Orville H.</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Miller, Frederick E.</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Milne, W. Arthur</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Mitchell, Eric A.</i>	Bombay (OS)
<i>Moorehead, Lee C.</i>	Ohio (NC)

<i>Morris, Thurman B.</i>	North Indiana (NC)
<i>Mowry, Clytus F.</i>	Genesee (NE)
<i>Nichols, John B.</i>	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Nieto, Simon A.</i>	Rio Grande (SC)
<i>Nirdosh, Y. J.</i>	North India (OS)
<i>Nowlin, Earl M.</i>	New Mexico (SC)
<i>Oot, Arthur B.</i>	Northern New York (NE)
<i>Pinkard, Calvin M.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Potthoff, Harvey H.</i>	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Randolph, Allen H. L.</i>	Tennessee (C)
<i>Rixse, John H., Jr.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Robbins, Cecil W.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Rowe, Earl N.</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Rutter, Kenneth P.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Sagar, Sisa M.</i>	Agra (OS)
<i>Sander, Harvey H.</i>	South Dakota (NC)
<i>Schaad, Hermann</i>	Switzerland (OS)
<i>Soi, Yu Teck</i>	Sarawak (OS)
<i>Sosa, Adam F.</i>	Argentina (OS)
<i>Statler, Wallace F.</i>	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Stokes, Mack B.</i>	Holston (SE)
<i>Sweet, Charles R.</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Thornburg, Amos A.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Thornburg, Richard A.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Townsend, Robert L.</i>	Nebraska (NC)
<i>Trott, Norman L.</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Tuell, Jack M.</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Verdin, Douglas F.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Vogel, Hans</i>	Central Germany (OS)
<i>Weaver, Adolph P.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Weems, Mrs. Howard V.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Wesley, Ralph G.</i>	Kentucky (SE)
<i>Widegard, Arne G.</i>	Sweden (OS)
<i>Williams, Harold B.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Williams, L. Stanley</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Wolf, John D.</i>	Northwest Indiana (NC)
<i>Yoder, Harvey C.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)

NO. 7. MISSIONS

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and to the interests and activities made by the law of the church the concern of this board.

Chairman—Edward Tullis (Kentucky—SE)
Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Harold M. Baker (Ohio—NC)
Secretary—Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska—SC)

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Ake, Mrs. Frank W. Central Pennsylvania (NE)
 Alvarez, Mrs. May Rio Grande (SC)

Armstrong, Mrs. Robert C.	North Iowa (NC)
Arterburn, Mrs. Haskel E.	Louisville (SE)
Baker, Mrs. Harold M.	Ohio (NC)
Bane, Wilford V.	Central Texas (SC)
Barnett, I. Nels.	North Arkansas (SC)
Boobar, Lester L.	Maine (NE)
Breland, A. Dan, Jr.	Mississippi (SE)
Brown, Leander A.	North Carolina (C)
Budd, Henry G.	Central New York (NE)
Buhler, Donald	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Bulaya, Joel	Southern Congo (OS)
Buresova, Mrs. Martha	Czechoslovakia (OS)
Burriss, Mrs. Paul W.	Kansas (SC)
Cansfield, Mrs. William	Detroit (NC)
Carlyon, Richard E.	Nebraska (SC)
Cooke, Raymond J.	Peninsula (NE)
Copeland, Mrs. Paul L.	Rock River (NC)
Countryman, Frank L.	Rock River (NC)
Cromwell, Thomas L.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Cryer, Donald W.	Ohio (NC)
Cunningham, Mrs. B. J.	West Virginia (NE)
Curtis, Mrs. Wilbur F.	Troy (NE)
Dameron, Mrs. George W.	Louisiana (SC)
Davis, Howard	Oklahoma (SC)
Descamps, Maurice E.	Belgium (OS)
Duffey, Paul A.	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Eby, Mrs. John	Pacific Northwest (W)
Farr, Joyce W.	California-Nevada (W)
Flegal, Mrs. Robert	Holston (SE)
Freeman, Urias B.	Liberia (OS)
Gantz, Richard H.	Central Illinois (NC)
Garlington, J. Ezell	North Carolina (SE)
Gibson, Harry B., Jr.	Lexington (C)
Gillespie, Mrs. Charles B.	Missouri East (SC)
Grad, Albert	South Germany (OS)
Gray, Darrell D.	Southwest Texas (SC)
Guansing, Benjamin I.	Philippines (OS)
Hagiya, Paul H.	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
Hamilton, J. Wallace	Florida (SE)
Hardt, John W.	Texas (SC)
Hartl, Mrs. Emil M.	New England (NE)
Hastings, Ralph	Indiana (NC)
Henderson, Vernon N.	Northwest Texas (SC)
High, Mrs. R. S.	Central Texas (SC)
Hildebrand, Will M.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Hughes, Harold H., Sr.	Virginia (NE)
Hundley, Mrs. R. Lee	East Wisconsin (NC)
Hunter, J. Duncan, Jr.	North Alabama (SE)
Isaiah, Byrappa R.	South India (OS)
Ivey, George M.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Jones, Lillian L.	Tennessee (C)

Keeley, Virgil D. North Arkansas (SC)
 Kerr, Mrs. Robert L. Philadelphia (NE)
 King, Carl H. Western North Carolina (SE)
 Kingman, Henry L. South Carolina (SE)
 Knudsen, Sverre W. Norway (OS)

Laird, James H. Detroit (NC)
 Lehmborg, Ben F. Rocky Mountain (W)
 Long, Arthur V. South Iowa (NC)
 Long, Nat G. North Georgia (SE)

Mabuce, Mrs. John O. Genesee (NE)
 McAdam, Mrs. J. L. Central Illinois (NC)
 McDonald, E. D. Southwest Texas (SC)
 Mehl, Mrs. Ernest Missouri West (SC)
 Metzel, Mrs. George Oklahoma (SC)
 Miller, Luther L. Little Rock (SC)
 Mitchell, Mrs. B. V. North-East Ohio (NC)
 Morrison, William W. North Dakota (NC)
 Mucambe, Manual M. Southeast Africa (OS)

Newman, Mrs. Clyde J. South Georgia (SE)
 Nichols, Roy H. New York (NE)
 Northrop, George M. New York (NE)

Paulen, O. Wayne North Indiana (NC)
 Payne, Charlemagne P., Sr. Mississippi (C)
 Pitcher, Philip N. Wyoming (NE)
 Pope, Mrs. Rex North Indiana (NC)
 Poulsen, Poul B. Denmark (OS)
 Pounds, W. A., Jr. Texas (SC)

Rentz, Mrs. Jacob F. Western Pennsylvania (NE)
 Robertson, Frank L. South Georgia (SE)

Santos, Tomás de los Mindanao (OS)
 Shaumba, Pierre Central Congo (OS)
 Singh, F. N. D. Madhya Pradesh (OS)
 Slack, William B. North Texas (SC)
 Smart, Rosmund A. North India (OS)
 Smith, C. Asbury Baltimore (NE)
 Smith, Eugene L. Newark (NE)
 Sowards, Mrs. Leonard N. Baltimore (NE)
 Spear, Mrs. Charles W. Minnesota (NC)
 Spencer, Mrs. Paul North-East Ohio (NC)
 Stretch, Mrs. Mabel K. New Jersey (NE)
 Szczepkowski, Jozef Poland (OS)

Tanner, H. Wallace Memphis (SE)
 Taylor, Mrs. Ethan L. North Georgia (SE)
 Tennant, John W. Michigan (NC)
 Thistle, Richard C. Northwest Indiana (NC)
 Thurman, Mrs. David R. Florida (SE)
 Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount Tennessee (SE)
 Tullis, Edward L. Kentucky (SE)
 Turlington, Mrs. H. C. North Carolina (SE)
 Tuttle, Robert G. Western North Carolina (SE)
 Tyrrell, Mrs. J. Boyd Virginia (SE)

Watson, Mrs. D. E. Central Kansas (SC)
 Watson, Mrs. Russell O. Oregon (W)

<i>Williams, George R.</i>	North Mississippi (SE)
<i>Winter, Hauser</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Wooten, Mrs. H. L.</i>	Texas (C)
<i>Yap, Kim-Hao</i>	Malaya (OS)

NO. 8. PENSIONS

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, and of widows and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including bishops, and all matters relating to pensions of lay employees of church organizations, boards, agencies, or institutions.

Chairman—*Roland P. Riddick* (Virginia—SE)
Vice-Chairman—*Floyd V. Brower* (Missouri East—SC)
Secretary—*Frank Webber* (California-Nevada—W)

(Italics denote ministerial delegates)

<i>Ammons, Edsel A.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Arbaugh, Robert N.</i>	Missouri West (SC)

<i>Barclift, Chancie D.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Brower, Floyd V.</i>	Missouri East (SC)
<i>Brown, C. W.</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Buckingham, Harold C.</i>	Wyoming (NE)

<i>Carper, John H.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Chant, George W.</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Cleveland, M. C.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Coulter, H. Russell</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Crawford, J. Howard</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)

<i>Darling, Howard H.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Day, George H.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Dougherty, Paul B.</i>	North Indiana (NC)

<i>Fleming, Durwood</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Fletcher, Robert</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Frey, John W.</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Fuess, Forest M.</i>	Newark (NE)

<i>Guthrie, W. Nelson, Sr.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
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<i>Hardcastle, James C.</i>	Delaware (C)
<i>Herbst, Arnold T.</i>	South Dakota (NC)
<i>Herr, John D.</i>	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>High, Henry R.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Hooper, Granville</i>	Peninsula (NE)
<i>Hooper, Mrs. Joel W.</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Horton, Mrs. William E., Jr.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Hull, Mrs. Olyn F.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)

<i>Inis, Frank</i>	Northwest Indiana (NC)
<i>Irion, James P.</i>	Memphis (SE)

<i>Jones, Ernest H., Sr.</i>	Indiana (NC)
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<i>Kent, Harry R.</i>	South Carolina (SE)
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Lance, T. Jack North Georgia (SE)
 Long, Carroll Holston (SE)

McQuary, Thomas J. Louisville (SE)
 Milikien, Albert S. North Texas (SC)
 Momberg, Paul B. Ohio (NC)
 Moore, Manley Oklahoma (SC)
 Moulton, Lewis H. New Hampshire (NE)
 Mouser, Vincent M. Louisiana (SC)

Ochoa, Marco A. Peru (OS)

Ragland, James Detroit (NC)
 Ray, Grover Alabama-West Florida (SE)
 Riddick, Roland P. Virginia (SE)
 Robison, Harold Central Kansas (SC)
 Rogers, James F. North Carolina (SE)

Sears, Fred R. Central New York (NE)
 Shaffer, H. P. West Virginia (NE)
 Shives, Jack Western Pennsylvania (NE)
 Skilling, Mrs. Thelma Baltimore (NE)
 Soans, Clement Bombay (OS)
 Stamm, John F. Central Pennsylvania (NE)
 Stockton, Ralph M. Western North Carolina (SE)

Thornton, B. I. South Georgia (SE)

Walker, Harvey A. North Iowa (NC)
 Walker, Marion R. Southern California-Arizona (W)
 Walker, W. Roland Virginia (SE)
 Webber, Frank California-Nevada (W)

Zellmer, Willard A. Pacific Northwest (W)

NO. 9. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the church the concern of this board.

Chairman—Carl J. Sanders (Virginia—SE)

Vice-Chairman—Henry V. Loeppert (Rock River—NC)

Secretary—Clarence M. Winchester (North Carolina—C)

(Italics denote ministerial delegates)

Allen, L. Scott Georgia (C)

Baker, Frank E. Philadelphia (NE)
 Bowen, Theodore R. Baltimore (NE)
 Boyd, W. Sproule Western Pennsylvania (NE)
 Bracy, Carl C. North-East Ohio (NC)
 Brown, G. Alfred Central Texas (SC)
 Butters, George A. Minnesota (NC)

Culp, Jesse A. North Alabama (SE)
 Curry, James S. Louisville (SE)

Denson, Charles Elwood Tennessee (SE)
 Dryden, Kenneth Nebraska (SC)

Earley, Charles M.	Virginia	(SE)
Edge, Claude A.	Texas	(SC)
Frank, Paul	Missouri West	(SC)
Fribley, Robert W.	North Indiana	(NC)
Garrison, Claude	Ohio	(NC)
Gentry, Edd W.	Florida	(SE)
Gessner, Mrs. Benjamin A.	Kansas	(SC)
Godwin, Charles	West Virginia	(NE)
Hathaway, Offie L.	North Carolina	(SE)
Hattaway, William L.	Texas	(SC)
Hawkins, J. C.	Missouri East	(SC)
Hayward, C. Douglas	California-Nevada	(W)
Hunt, Walter L.	Wyoming	(NE)
Jackson, H. Leo	Holston	(SE)
Jordan, Frank B.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Lal, James	Delhi	(OS)
Lay, Robert P.	Louisiana	(SC)
Loeppert, Henry V.	Rock River	(NC)
Lucas, Mrs. Robert	South Iowa	(NC)
Mahon, Eldon	Northwest Texas	(SC)
Massie, Hugh	Western North Carolina	(SE)
McClure, Oren F.	Central Kansas	(SC)
Orr, J. Herbert	Alabama-West Florida	(SE)
Orr, Verne, Sr.	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
Pitcher, Dale E.	Central Illinois	(NC)
Prewitt, Thomas O.	Mississippi	(SE)
Reid, William W.	New York	(NE)
Renick, Mrs. Bruce	Rocky Mountain	(W)
Rigden, Russell	Southern Illinois	(NC)
Ritchey, William H.	Pacific Northwest	(W)
Rogers, Carleton C.	Rock River	(NC)
Rooks, John J.	Florida	(SE)
Ruff, William H.	North Georgia	(SE)
Rupert, Hoover	Detroit	(SC)
Ryser, Ernst	Switzerland	(OS)
Samson, Gerardo, Jr.	Middle Philippines	(OS)
Sanders, Carl J.	Virginia	(SE)
Sayre, Charles A.	New Jersey	(NE)
Shipp, Thomas J.	North Texas	(SC)
Stone, Mrs. John Paul	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
Stratton, Leslie M. III	Memphis	(SE)
Taylor, Arthur M.	South Carolina	(SE)
Tompkins, Mrs. Clarence W.	North Iowa	(NC)
Tuttle, Lee F.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Wagner, H. Hughes	New England	(NE)
Warner, William B.	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Warren, Charles L.	New York	(NE)
Wilcox, Mrs. Katherine W.	Michigan	(NC)
Williams, Ira E.	Oklahoma	(SC)

Wilson, J. F. South Georgia (SE)
 Winchester, Clarence M. North Carolina (C)

Young, J. Otis Ohio (NC)

NO. 10. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, to the interests and activities which by the law of the church are made the concern of this board, and to all the eleemosynary work and responsibility of any other legislative committee.

Chairman—Harvey H. Potthoff (Rocky Mountain—W)

Vice-Chairman—R. Jervis Cooke (Peninsula—NE)

Secretary—Mrs. Russell O. Watson (Oregon—W)

Membership: Two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and two ministers and two laymen from the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops.

(Italics denote ministerial delegates)

Adams, Kenneth W. California-Nevada (W)

Baxley, Mrs. Beulah L. South Carolina (C)

Blackwell, Derwood L. Texas (SC)

Bouton, Leon W. Wyoming (NE)

Cooke, R. Jervis Peninsula (NE)

Doenges, R. S. Rock River (NC)

Dyson, John B. A. Washington (C)

Felder, Luther B. Texas (C)

Finch, Gomer W. West Wisconsin (NC)

Hardcastle, James C. Delaware (C)

Hartman, Mason N. New England (NE)

Jeuther, Hermann South Germany (OS)

Johansen, Frede Denmark (OS)

Jones, G. Eliot Mississippi (SE)

Littrell, Wade H. Missouri East (SC)

McDonald, E. D. Southwest Texas (SC)

Milne, Arthur Ohio (NC)

Ortman, Ervin South Dakota (NC)

Potthoff, Harvey H. Rocky Mountain (W)

Ready, W. Judson South Carolina (SE)

Roberts, Richard West Virginia (NE)

Tompkins, Mrs. Clarence North Iowa (NC)

Watson, Mrs. Russell O. Oregon (W)

Williams, L. Stanley Central Texas (SC)

Yap, Kim-Hao Malaya (OS)

NO. 11. INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to interdenominational activities, relations, interests, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church, including the American Bible Society, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and the World Council of Churches.

Chairman—Wilson O. Weldon (Western North Carolina—SE)

Vice-Chairman—Major J. Jones (East Tennessee—C)

Secretary—Richard W. Cain (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Membership: Two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and two ministers and two laymen from the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops.

(*Italics* denote ministerial delegates)

Baun, Mrs. Ted F. California-Nevada (W)
Burton, William N. Indiana (NC)

Cain, Richard W. Southern California-Arizona (W)
Cole, Tom W. Texas (C)
Collins, Claude West Virginia (NE)
Conyers, Lloyd M. North Arkansas (SC)

Eby, Mrs. John Pacific Northwest (W)

Funkhauser, Clyde R. Southern Illinois (NC)

Gallardo, David Chile (OS)
Goens, Roy C. Texas (SC)
Guansing, Benjamin I. Philippines (OS)

Hauk, Horace B. Holston (SE)
Herbert, Hugh Montana (W)
Hull, Mrs. Olyn F. North-East Ohio (NC)

Jones, Major J. East Tennessee (C)
Jud, Eugene F. Central Texas (SC)

Kelley, Mrs. John E. Genesee (NE)
Kirchner, Frederick Troy (NE)

Pengra, Ray North Dakota (NC)

Riley, S. M., Jr. Lexington (C)

Soans, Clement Bombay (OS)
Stettler, Wallace F. Philadelphia (NE)

Trice, William E. Louisiana (SC)

Weldon, Wilson O. Western North Carolina (SE)
Winchester, C. M. North Carolina (C)

NO. 12. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of

members and ministers of The Methodist Church, and relating to the Judicial Council and the judicial procedure within the church. This committee shall also be charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting, for adoption by the Conference, such enabling acts and legal forms as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the church.

Chairman—Lyle H. Truax (Pacific Northwest—W)

Vice-Chairman—Clare N. Pettit (California-Nevada—W)

Secretary—Mrs. Beryl E. W. Williams (Washington—C)

Membership: Two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and two ministers and two laymen from the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops.

(Italics denote ministerial delegates)

<i>Alm, K. Ragnar</i>	Sumatra (OS)
Beatty, W. Carroll	Baltimore (NE)
Brown, Prentiss	Detroit (NC)
<i>Butters, George A.</i>	Minnesota (NC)
Coffman, Floyd	Kansas (SC)
<i>Colley, Arthur B. R.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Cooke, George W.	Genesee (NE)
Cotton, W. Davis	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Crawford, J. Howard</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)
Dominick, Frank	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Goodwin, Robert B.</i>	Newark (NE)
Hessini, Sassi	North Africa (OS)
Johnson, Joseph T.	Lexington (C)
<i>Long, Arthur V.</i>	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Lowery, Joseph E.</i>	Central Alabama (C)
<i>Mitchell, Eric A.</i>	Bombay (OS)
<i>Nowlin, Earl M.</i>	New Mexico (SC)
Pettit, Clare N.	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Riddle, Earl W.</i>	Idaho (W)
Thomas, John	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Truax, Lyle H.	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Tuell, Jack</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
Williams, Mrs. Beryl E. W.	Washington (C)

NO. 13. LOCAL CHURCH

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the organization and duties of the various bodies within the local church, including the Quarterly Conference, Official Board, commissions, and committees. Proposed legislation emanating from other General Conference committees concerning local church

organization shall be referred to this committee on local church organization for consideration, action, and reporting to General Conference.

Chairman—Merlyn W. Northfelt (Rock River—NC)
Vice-Chairman—Taylor McConnell (Rocky Mountain—W)
Secretary—Mrs. Ethan Taylor (North Georgia—SE)

Membership: Two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and two ministers and two laymen from the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops.

(*Italics* denote ministerial delegates)

<i>Bramble, Albert F.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Brown, Leander A.</i>	North Carolina (C)
<i>Byus, William A.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Clay, Russell E.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Cox, N. Wayne</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Dryden, Kenneth</i>	Nebraska (NC)
<i>Gridley, Mrs. John</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Haley, Elmer N.</i>	Troy (NE)
<i>Hutapea, Karl</i>	Sumatra (OS)
<i>Knupp, Robert E.</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Lee, Ernest W.</i>	New Jersey (NE)
<i>Lyles, Paul T.</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>McConnell, Taylor</i>	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Miller, Luther L.</i>	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Nieto, Simon A.</i>	Rio Grande (SC)
<i>Northfelt, Merlyn W.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Presley, Isaac P.</i>	Upper Mississippi (C)
<i>Robinson, Stafford S.</i>	Florida (C)
<i>Sagar, S. M.</i>	Agra (OS)
<i>Stone, Mrs. John Paul</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Taylor, Mrs. Ethan</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Wooten, Mrs. H. L.</i>	Texas (C)

NO. 14. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to ritual and orders of worship.

Chairman—Amos A. Thornburg (Rock River—NC)
Vice-Chairman—Hoover Rupert (Detroit—NC)
Secretary—Mrs. J. L. McAdam (Central Illinois—NC)

Membership: Two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and two ministers and two laymen from the delegates representing

Annual Conferences outside the United States, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops.

(*Italics* denote ministerial delegates)

Allen, Mrs. B. V.	North Indiana (NC)
Alvarez, Mrs. May	Rio Grande (SC)
Averitt, James W.	Louisville (SC)
Balcomb, Raymond E.	Oregon (W)
Bugbee, Warren A.	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Carlyon, Richard E.	Nebraska (SC)
Cochran, Mrs. F. Morris	New England Southern (NE)
Egan, Jim A.	Oklahoma (SC)
Franklin, Allnut T.	Lucknow (OS)
Handy, William T., Jr.	Louisiana (C)
Hayward, C. Douglas	California-Nevada (W)
Holm, Carl-Axel	Sweden (OS)
Holte, Alfred O.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Jason, William C., Jr.	Delaware (C)
Lee, Vernon L.	Northern New York (NE)
Manton, Frank E.	Burma (OS)
McAdam, Mrs. J. L.	Central Illinois (NC)
Palmer, Robert J.	South Carolina (C)
Payne, Charlemagne P., Sr.	Mississippi (C)
Rupert, Hoover	Detroit (NC)
Schaad, Hermann	Switzerland (OS)
Thornburg, Amos A.	Rock River (NC)
Thurman, Mrs. David R.	Florida (SE)

NO. 15. AD HOC COMMITTEE

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to union between The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Chairman—Bishop Lloyd W. Wicke

Secretary—Charles C. Parlin

Mrs. Porter Brown
Emory S. Bucke
 Bishop Fred P. Corson
Finis A. Crutchfield
 Bishop F. Gerald Ensley
 Leon E. Hickman
 J. Wesley Hole
 Miss Theresa Hoover
Claire C. Hoyt
Tracey Jones
J. Clay Madison

Walter G. Muelder
 Olin Oeschger
 Lovick Pierce
Sumpter M. Riley, Jr.
 Bishop Roy H. Short
Norman L. Trott
Thomas Trotter
 James M. Walker
Myron F. Wicke
 Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich
J. Otis Young

PERSONNEL OF THE ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE 1964 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference delegations are here listed alphabetically by Conferences. The names of delegates, ministerial (in italics) and lay, appear in order of their election, with appointments or occupations and addresses. The names of the reserve delegates of each Annual Conference follow in similar fashion.

The figure after the Annual Conference name in each heading is the total number of delegates to which it is entitled (see *Discipline*, ¶¶ 5, 7, 23, 501), and is followed by the abbreviation for its Jurisdiction or for "overseas." Underneath the heading is shown the seating location in the conference hall assigned to that Annual Conference. The chairman of the delegation is indicated by an asterisk.

Appointments of ministerial delegates are indicated by the name of the district for a district superintendent or the name of the church for a pastor. Note that the appointments shown here are as of the time of election. Occupations of lay delegates are shown by common abbreviations, and in addition their Conference offices (such as lay leader, etc.) are given so far as reported.

Note: *Italics* denote ministerial delegates. Asterisk (*) denotes chairman of delegation.

(Unless indicated otherwise these delegations are the same as served at the regular 1964 session)

AGRA (2) OS

Sec. E, Row 6, Seats 1-2

**Sagar, Sisa M.*; District Superintendent; 4-B Battery Lane, Delhi 6, India.
Singh, Mehar; Assistant Teacher; Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, M.P., India.

Reserves

Daniel, Dayal M.; Vice Principal; Ingraham Institute, Ghaziabad, U.P., India.
Turner, Barty A.; Assistant Teacher; Clancy High School, Mathura, U.P., India.

ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA (10) SE

Sec. F, Rows 9-10, Seats 1-5

**Hardin, Edward L.*; District Superintendent; P. O. Box 306, Marianna, Fla. 32446.
Duffey, Paul A.; Pastor; P. O. Box 159, Dothan, Ala. 36301.
Mathison, Marion C.; Pastor; Box 248, Panama City, Fla. 32401.
McDavid, Joel D.; Pastor; 293 Wingfield Dr., Mobile, Ala. 36607.
Nichols, John B.; Pastor; 301 Dexter Ave., Montgomery, Ala. 36104.
Moore, L. S.; Withdrawn from The Methodist Church.
Proctor, George H.; Conference Lay Leader; P. O. Box 610, Andalusia, Ala. 36420.
West, T. Albert, Jr.; Banker; 1404 W. North Street, Dothan, Ala. 36301.
Orr, J. Herbert; Industrialist; P. O. Box 975, Opelika, Ala. 36801.
Self, David; Educator; 56 Arcadia, Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401.

Reserves

- DuBois, W. Earl*; Dist. Supt.; P. O. Box 248, Panama City, Fla. 32402.
Miller, J. Carlisle; Dist. Supt.; P. O. Box 159, Dothan, Ala. 36301.
Mathison, H. Paul; Pastor; P. O. Box 2237, Pensacola, Fla. 32502.
Hendricks, Ralph R.; Pastor; 1408 Main St., Greensboro, Ala. 36744.
Hildreth, Charles H.; Pastor; P. O. Box 765, Demopolis, Ala. 36732.
Walton, Wilbur L.; Pastor; 2252 Allendale Rd., Montgomery, Ala. 36111.
Ray, Grover; Insurance; Headland, Ala. 36345.
Allen, Mrs. J. T.; President, W.S.C.S.; Cromwell, Ala. 36906.
McDavid, Harry; Government Employee; 4106 St. Stephens Rd., Mobile, Ala. 36612.
Gilmore, Bryan C.; Gov't. Employee; 3321 Bayview Way, Pensacola, Fla. 32503.
Nevin, E. Claud; Educator; Kinston, Ala. 36403.
Eich, Foster, Jr.; Farmer-Merchant; Fort Davis, Ala. 36031.

ANGOLA (2) OS

Sec. C., Row 4, Seats 5-6

- **Andrade, Miguel Antonio de*; Pastor; c/o McVeigh, B.P. 1441, Kalina, Kinshasa-Congo.
Kapangue, Adreano; Refugee; c/o Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027.

Reserves

- Webba, Julião*; Pastor; c/o Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027.
da Silva, Domingos; Pastor; c/o Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027.
McVeigh, Malcolm; Miss.; 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027.
Cardosa, Zacarias C.; Student; Drew Theol. Sem., Madison, N. J.
Neto, Felipe J.; Refugee; c/o Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027.
Buta, Antonio Manuel; Refugee; P. O. Box 429, Kitwe-Zambia.
Rodrigues, Miss Deolinda; Secretary; c/o Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027.
da Sousa, Mrs. Bernarda; Hmkr.; c/o Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027.

ARGENTINA (2) OS

Sec. A, Row 10, Seats 4-5

- (New election as provided in Par. 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*)
 **Sosa, Aram F.*; Casilla 35 Ramos Mejia, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Gattinoni, Eduardo J.; Doblas 1753, Buenos Aires City, Argentina.

Reserves

- Pagura, F. J.*; Camacua 282, Buenos Aires City, Argentina.
Wirth, J. C.; Santa Fe 137 Parana; Province of Entre Rios, Argentina.

BALTIMORE (14) NE

Sec. D, Rows 5-6, Seats 1-7

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Sec. B, Rows 5-6, Seats 8-10

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Townsend, Harrell A.; Dean of Chapel, Lambuth College; Jackson, Tenn. 38302.
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Ramer, Lloyd W.; Pastor; Murray, Ky. 42071.
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MICHIGAN (8) NC

Sec. C, Rows 9-10, Seats 7-10

Pryor, Thomas M.; Elected to Episcopacy.
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Goodwin, Heath T.; Transferred to Detroit Conference.
Lyman, Howard A.; Pastor, 408 Britain, Benton Harbor, Mich. 49022.
Neller, Alvin A.; Attorney; 1022 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Mich. 48912.
Dix, Mrs. W. Gordon; Housewife; 3723 Prairie S.W., Grandville, Mich. 49418.
Holbrook, Donald E.; Judge; Clare, Mich. 48617.
Strong, Donald T.; Business Executive; 4602 Canterbury, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007.

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Large, Dwight S.; Pastor; 205 No. Capital, Lansing, Mich. 48933.
Jongeward, Robert H.; Pastor; 275 W. Michigan, Jackson, Mich. 49201.
Wright, James W.; Pastor; 212 So. Park, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49006.
McKean, Maurice D.; Pastor; 212 So. Park, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49006.
Buck, Stanley M.; Dist. Supt.; 307 Burr Oak, Albion, Mich. 49224.
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Helrigel, William H., Jr., Mortician; 500 Irwin, Albion, Mich. 49224.
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MID-CHINA (2) OS

MIDDLE PHILIPPINES (2) OS

Sec. F, Row 11, Seats 2-3

(New election as provided in Par. 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*)
Garcia, Catalino T.; Dist. Supt.; 616 Mabini Extension, Cabanatuan City, Philippines.
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Nacpil, Emerito; Union Theological Seminary; P. O. Box 841, Manila, Philippines.
Sansano, Lauro; Attorney; 160 Gabaldon St., Cabanatuan City, Philippines.

MINDANAO (2) OS

Sec. E, Row 3, Seats 1-2

**Santos, Tomás de los*; Dist. Supt.; Greene Academy, San Vicente Makilala, Cotabato, Philippines.
Respicio, Alfredo R.; Employee; Kidapawan, Cotabato, Philippines.

Reserves

Garibay, Limerio C.; Pastor; P. O. Kabacan, Cotabato, Philippines.
Padua, Pacifico L.; Ins.; Marbel, Koronadal, Cotabato, Philippines.

MINNESOTA (10) NC

Sec. B, Rows 13-14, Seats 8-12

Huffman, Russell A.; Transferred out of Conference.
 **Pennington, Chester A.*; Pastor; Lyndale & Groveland, Minneapolis, Minn. 55403.
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Gridley, Mrs. John; Housewife; 1960 East River Terrace, Minneapolis, Minn. 55414.
Richardson, Mrs. Clarence W.; Housewife; 1048 Lake Ave., Detroit Lakes, Minn. 56501.

Reserves

Sweet, Charles R.; Dist. Supt.; 3410 Greysolon Rd., Duluth, Minn. 55804.
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Purdham, Charles B.; Pastor; 4375 Webber Parkway, Minneapolis, Minn. 55412.
Grose, Wilbur D.; Pastor; 122 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404.
Klaus, LeRoy H.; Pastor; 805 W. Myrtle, Stillwater, Minn. 55082.
Martin, Edward S.; Pastor; 265 Main St., Winona, Minn. 55987.
Powers, Jeanne A.; Associate Pastor; 122 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404.
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MISSISSIPPI (2) C

Sec. E, Row 2, Seats 3-4

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MISSISSIPPI (8) SE

Sec. C, Rows 5-6, Seats 4-7

- **Leggett, J. Willard, Jr.*; Pastor; P. O. Box 956, Laurel, Miss. 39440.
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Satterfield, John C.; Attorney; Sunset Dr., Yazoo City, Miss. 39194.
Jordan, Bert; Groceryman; 31 Mississippi St., Jackson, Miss. 39212.
Stevens, Ben M., Sr.; Mercantile-Lumber; Richton, Miss. 39476.
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Gaddy, L. Shaw; Pastor; Tylertown, Miss. 39667.
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MISSOURI EAST (8) SC

Sec. A, Rows 8-9, Seats 1-4

- **Hager, Wesley H.*; Pastor; 6199 Waterman, St. Louis, Mo. 63112.
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Wagner, Joseph H.; Dist. Supt.; 1015 N. Kings Highway, Sikeston, Mo. 63801.
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Jones, A. L.; Deceased.
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Littrell, Wade; President, Ice Vending Corp.; 2675 Dougherty Ferry Rd., Kirkwood, Mo. 63122.

Reserves

- Lytle, D. R.*; Pastor; Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.
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Kinnard, Cannon; Pastor; Farmington, Mo. 63640.
Powell, Bradford B.; Pastor; 5000 Washington, St. Louis, Mo. 63108.
Shipp, Ronald; Bus.; Thayer, Mo. 65574.

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 Brown, Covert; Ret.; Houston, Mo. 65483.
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MISSOURI WEST (10) SC

Sec. B, Rows 7-8, Seats 8-12

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MONTANA (2) W

Sec. A, Row 7, Seats 7-8

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MORADABAD (2) OS

Sec. A, Row 9, Seats 5-6

- **Massey, Daniel B.*; DS; Meth. Ch., The Mall, Moradabad, U.P., India.
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Reserves

- Radha Krishan, John*; Prof., Leonard Theol. College; Jabalpur, M.P., India.
Wilson, Mrs. Virginia M.; Hmkr.; "Wilsonia," Civil Lines, P.B. 22, Maradabad, U.P., India.

NEBRASKA (10) SC

Sec. E, Rows 7-8, Seats 1-5

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Jones, Lowell D.; Pastor; Columbus, Neb. 68601.
Flaming, Wilbert K.; Farmer; Elsie, Neb. 69134.
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Marquardt, Mrs. A. R.; Jur. W.S.C.S. Pres.; 1130 S. 47th St., Lincoln, Neb. 68510.
Gentry, Mrs. Max; Hmkr.; Gering, Neb. 69341.
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Dickerson, Homer L.; Pastor; 508 Spruce St., Ogallala, Neb. 69153.
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French, Walter; Prof.; Stromsberg, Neb. 68666.
Marsh, Marion; Farmer; RFD, Archer, Neb. 68816.
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NEW ENGLAND (8) NE

Sec. C, Rows 3-4, Seats 1-4

- **Ziegler, Wilbur C.*; Pastor; 18 Poulos Rd., Braintree, Mass. 02184.
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 Goulding, Farnham B.; Ins.; 19 Gage Ln., Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545.
 Roberts, George C.; Ret.; 184 Middlesex St., Springfield, Mass. 01109.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN (4) NE

Sec. F, Rows 1-2, Seats 1-2

Claypool, James V.; Deceased.
 *Almond, Lawrence F.; Exec. Dir., Mass. Bible Soc.; 41 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.
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 Hill, W. Norbert; Conference Director of Stewardship; Gales Ferry, Conn. 06335.
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 Susag, M. Philip; Bus. Exec.; 46 Adelaide Rd., Manchester, Conn. 06041.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (2) NE

Sec. B, Rows 9-10, Seats 12, 12

*Moulton, Lewis H.; Dist. Supt.; 13 Springfield St., Concord, N. H. 03301.
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Reserves

Stauffer, Paul A.; Board of Miss.; 705 Timberline Dr., Wyckoff, N. J. 07481.
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NEW MEXICO (4) SC

Sec. E, Rows 9-10, Seats 4-5

- Nowlin, Earl M.*; Dist. Supt.; 7716 El Conde, N.E., Albuquerque, N. M. 87110.
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NEW YORK (16) NE

Sec. C, Rows 1-2, Seats 5-12

(New election as provided in Par. 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*)

- *Bosley, Harold A.*; Pastor; 520 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 10021.
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Verdin, Douglas F.; Dist. Supt.; 234 North St., Newburgh, N. Y. 12550.
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Reid, William W.; Retired Editor, Gen. Bd. of Miss.; 1103 157th St., Whitestone, N. Y. 11357.

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NORTH ALABAMA (14) SE

Sec. E, Rows 9-10, Seats 6-12

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 Montgomery, Edward; Manufacturer; P. O. Drawer H, Tuscaloosa,
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 Owens, Joseph H.; Bank Pres.; P. O. Drawer 152, Roanoke, Ala.
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 35213.
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NORTH ARKANSAS (6) SC

Sec. E, Rows 9-10, Seats 1-3

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Keeley, Virgil D.; Dist. Supt.; 120 No. 9th, Blytheville, Ark. 72315.

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Brumley, Ira A.; Hendrix Sta., Conway, Ark. 72032.

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NORTH CAROLINA (2) C

Sec. F, Row 4, Seats 1-2

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NORTH CAROLINA (14) SE

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NORTH INDIA (2) OS

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NORTH TEXAS (10) SC

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NORTHWEST GERMANY (2) OS

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NORTHWEST PHILIPPINES (2) OS

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NORWAY (2) OS

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SHANTUNG (2) OS

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Sec. D, Rows 13-14, Seats 1-2

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Acker, T. E. (3)	Texas (SC)
Ackman, Frederick J. (1)	(Tsf. out of Conf.) N. Ia. (NC)
Adams, Charles V. (5)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Adams, Kenneth W. (6)	California-Nevada (W)
Adams, Quinton D. (4)	Central Alabama (C)
Ake, Mrs. Frank W. (7)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Albrecht, Joseph H. (1)	Central Illinois (NC)
Aldrich, Charles S. (1)	Western New York (NE)
Allen, Mrs. B. V. (2)	North Indiana (NC)
Allen, L. Scott (9)	Georgia (C)
Almond, Lawrence F. (3)	New England Southern (NE)
Alter, Chester M. (3)	Rocky Mountain (W)
Alvirez, Mrs. May (7)	Rio Grande (SC)
Amark, Curt (4)	Sweden (OS)
Ammons, Edsel A. (8)	Rock River (NC)
Amtower, N. E. (4)	(Transferred out of Conf.) Oregon (W)
Anderson, Hurst R. (2)	Baltimore (NE)
Anderson, Walter F. (5)	North Carolina (SE)
Andrade, Miguel de (2)	Angola (OS)
Arbaugh, Robert N. (8)	Missouri West (SC)
Archer, Leslie C. (6)	Central Illinois (NC)
Armstrong, A. James (3)	Indiana (NC)
Armstrong, Mrs. Robert C. (7)	North Iowa (NC)
Arterburn, Mrs. Haskel E. (7)	Louisville (SE)
Artzberger, A. T. (5)	West Virginia (NE)
Atkinson, George H. (2)	California-Nevada (W)
Atkinson, Sydney H. (2)	New York (NE)
Atterling, Henry J. (2)	Sweden (OS)
Averitt, James W. (6)	Louisville (SE)
Babbs, J. Carlton (5)	Rocky Mountain (W)
Backhus, Harry W. III (6)	Virginia (SE)
Bacon, Mrs. Martha (2)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Baidya, Sukumar (6)	Bengal (OS)
Bailen, Gregorio R. (1)	North West Philippines (OS)
Bailey, A. Purnell (3)	Virginia (SE)
Bailey, Donald E. (3)	North Indiana (NC)
Bailey, Joe N., Jr. (1)	North Mississippi (SE)
Baker, Frank E. (9)	Philadelphia (NE)
Baker, Mrs. Harold M. (7)	Ohio (NC)
Bakhsh, Johnston S. Q. (6)	Indus River (OS)
Bane, Wilford V. (7)	Central Texas (SC)
Barclift, Chancie D. (8)	North Carolina (SE)
Barron, J. Daniel (9)	North Texas (SC)
Bascom, Lester (4)	Central New York (NE)
Baun, Mrs. Ted F. (1)	California-Nevada (W)
Bausher, J. Lee (1)	Philadelphia (NE)
Bautista, Samuel (4)	Philippines (OS)
Baxley, Mrs. Beulah L. (3)	South Carolina (C)
Bayliss, John A. (3)	North Arkansas (SC)
Beasley, N. C. (2)	Tennessee (SE)
Beatty, W. Carroll (4)	Baltimore (NE)

Beatty, William M. (4)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Beckford, Lewis H. (6)	Maine (NE)
Bell, Raymond M. (3)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Bell, Thomas (4)	New England Southern (NE)
Beltrami, Isaias (3)	Uruguay (OS)
Bengers, Vincent (1)	Bombay (OS)
Bennett, Gordon R. (3)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Bennett, William W. (2)	Central Illinois (NC)
Berg, R. Howard (4) (Deceased)	Florida (SE)
Bertholf, Lloyd M. (4)	Central Illinois (NC)
Black, Roy (2)	North Mississippi (SE)
Blackburn, Henry W. (4)	Florida (SE)
Blackwell, Derwood L. (5)	Texas (SC)
Blazer, Earl W. (8)	Holston (SE)
Boettcher, Mrs. E. H. (2)	East Wisconsin (NC)
Bolen, V. Leon (5) (Transferred out of Conf.)	Idaho (W)
Bond, Red H. (2)	Memphis (SE)
Bonds, Alfred B., Jr. (3)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Boobar, Lester L. (7)	Maine (NE)
Borger, Clarence J. (6)	Central Kansas (SC)
Bosley, Harold A. (1)	New York (NE)
Bostwick, W. E. (1)	South Georgia (SE)
Bouton, Leon W. (6)	Wyoming (NE)
Bowles, Charles P. (9) (Deceased)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Bowles, L. Lee (6)	Oklahoma (SC)
Boyd, Marvin L. (6)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Boyd, W. Sproule (9)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Bracy, Carl C. (9)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Bramble, Albert F. (1)	Kansas (SC)
Brannon, William C. (2)	North Alabama (SE)
Brawley, James P. (2)	Georgia (C)
Bray, Jerry G. (2)	Virginia (SE)
Broadbent, Smith, Jr. (4)	Louisville (SE)
Brooks, D. W. (6)	North Georgia (SE)
Brower, Floyd V. (8)	Missouri East (SC)
Brown, C. W. (8)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Brown, G. Alfred (9)	Central Texas (SC)
Brown, Leander A. (7)	North Carolina (C)
Brown, Miss Marion (3)	Ohio (NC)
Brown, Prentiss, Jr. (4)	Detroit (NC)
Brun, Miguel A. (2)	Uruguay (OS)
Bruns, Johann M. (6)	Northwest Germany (OS)
Bryan, Monk (1)	Missouri East (SC)
Bryant, R. Orman (2)	Virginia (SE)
Buckingham, Harold C. (8)	Wyoming (NE)
Budd, Henry G. (7)	Central New York (NE)
Bugbee, Warren A. (5)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Bulaya, Joel (7)	Southern Congo (OS)
Bumpers, E. Clay (4)	North Arkansas (SC)
Buresova, Mrs. Martha (7)	Czechoslovakia (OS)
Burns, Lacy H. (6)	West Virginia (NE)
Burns, Robert E. (3)	California-Nevada (W)
Burress, Mrs. Paul W. (7)	Kansas (SC)
Burtner, Robert W. (1)	Oregon (W)
Burton, William N. (6)	Indiana (NC)
Butler, J. Weldon (2)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Butters, George A. (9)	Minnesota (NC)
Byus, William A., Jr. (4)	West Virginia (NE)
Cain, Richard W. (6)	Southern California-Arizona (W)

<i>Calderwood, Robert C.</i> (3)	Central Illinois	(NC)
<i>Calkins, Raoul C.</i> (1)	Ohio	(NC)
<i>Cambric, Cortlandt</i> (Withdrew from Meth. Ministry)	Oregon	(W)
<i>Campbell, R. C.</i> (1)	Holston	(SE)
<i>Cannon, William R.</i> (6)	North Georgia	(SE)
<i>Cansfield, Mrs. William</i> (7)	Detroit	(NC)
<i>Carleton, Alsie H.</i> (6)	North Texas	(SC)
<i>Carlyon, Richard E.</i> (7)	Nebraska	(SC)
<i>Carper, John H.</i> (8)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Carson, Robert W.</i> (4)	Northern New Jersey	(NE)
<i>Cate, George H., Jr.</i> (7)	Tennessee	(SE)
<i>Cherry, Clinton M.</i> (3)	Philadelphia	(NE)
<i>Chew, Peter G. P.</i> (4)	Sarawak	(OS)
<i>Chidzikwe, Josiah</i> (6)	Rhodesia	(OS)
<i>Chittum, John W.</i> (2)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Chitwood, J. Henry</i> (6) (Judicial Council)	North Alabama	(SE)
<i>Chou, Ivy K. T.</i> (6)	Sarawak	(OS)
<i>Chubb, James S.</i> (2)	Nebraska	(SC)
<i>Cintron, Jorge N.</i> (2)	Puerto Rico Provisional	(NE)
<i>Clark, Alva H.</i> (6)	Nebraska	(SC)
<i>Clark, B. Clyde, Sr.</i> (Deceased)	Oklahoma	(SC)
<i>Clay, Russell E.</i> (3)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Clay, Thomas B.</i> (4)	Western New York	(NE)
<i>Claypool, James V.</i> (6) (Deceased)	New England Southern	(NE)
<i>Clegg, Charles R.</i> (Deceased)	North Georgia	(SE)
<i>Clendenin, Stewart</i> (1)	Texas	(SC)
<i>Cleveland, M. C.</i> (8)	Florida	(SE)
<i>Cochran, Mrs. F. Morris</i> (1)	New England Southern	(NE)
<i>Cochran, Leonard H.</i> (2)	South Georgia	(SE)
<i>Coffee, Mrs. C. C.</i> (5)	Northwest Texas	(SC)
<i>Coffman, Floyd H.</i> (2)	Kansas	(SC)
<i>Cole, Thomas W.</i> (3)	Texas	(C)
<i>Colley, Arthur B. R.</i> (2)	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
<i>Collier, Otis L.</i> (2)	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
<i>Collins, Claude R.</i> (1)	West Virginia	(NE)
<i>Collins, Thomas A.</i> (2)	North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Colwell, Ernest C.</i> (3)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Contractor, Joseph M.</i> (3)	Gujarat	(OS)
<i>Conyers, Lloyd M.</i> (7)		
(Transferred out of Conference)	North Arkansas	(SC)
<i>Cook, Robert P.</i> (1)	Central Kansas	(SC)
<i>Cooke, Raymond J.</i> (7)	Peninsula	(NE)
<i>Copeland, K. B.</i> (1) (Trans. out of Conf.)	North Texas	(SC)
<i>Copeland, Mrs. Paul L.</i> (7)	Rock River	(NC)
<i>Cotton, W. Davis</i> (2)	Louisiana	(SC)
<i>Coulter, H. Russell</i> (8)	Central Illinois	(NC)
<i>Countryman, Frank L.</i> (7)	Rock River	(NC)
<i>Courtney, Robert H.</i> (2)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Cox, Alva I.</i> (3) (Resigned)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Cox, N. Wayne</i> (4)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Crain, Nuell C.</i> (5)	Oklahoma	(SC)
<i>Craven, J. Braxton</i> (1)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Crawford, Arthur M.</i> (3)	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
<i>Crawford, J. Howard</i> (8)	Northwest Texas	(SC)
<i>Creech, Mrs. John A.</i> (5) (Deceased)	Kentucky	(SE)
<i>Crippen, James A.</i> (6)	Detroit	(NC)
<i>Cromwell, Thomas L.</i> (7)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Crutchfield, Finis A.</i> (6)	Oklahoma	(SC)
<i>Cruz Chacon, José</i> (4)	Puerto Rico Provisional	(NE)
<i>Cryer, Donald W.</i> (7)	Ohio	(NC)

Cullins, John S. (4) (Deceased)	Southwest (C)
Culp, Jesse A. (9)	North Alabama (SE)
Culver, Cecil R. (5) (Deceased)	Little Rock (SC)
Cummings, Mrs. C. Clifford (5)	Rock River (NC)
Cummings, E. Millett (4)	Maine (NE)
Cunningham, Mrs. B. J. (7)	West Virginia (NE)
Cunningham, Francis T. (2)	South Carolina (SE)
Currie, Margaret (2)	Maine (NE)
Curry, Ed (2) (Tsf. out of Conf.)	North Texas (SC)
Curry, James S. (9)	Louisville (SE)
Curry, John W. (6)	South Carolina (C)
Curtis, Mrs. Wilbur F. (7)	Troy (NE)
Cushman, Robert E. (1)	North Carolina (SE)
Daludado, Pedro F. (6)	Northern Philippines (OS)
Dameron, Mrs. George W. (7)	Louisiana (SC)
Darling, Howard H. (8)	New York (NE)
Das, Dalchand (3)	Moradabad (OS)
Daughenbaugh, Howard L., Sr. (4) (Deceased)	Louisiana (SC)
Davidson, Matthew R. (4)	Lucknow (OS)
Davis, Mrs. Robert (2)	Southern Illinois (NC)
Davis, Wilmer F. (1) (Deceased)	Peninsula (NE)
Day, George H. (8)	Ohio (NC)
Dennis, James B. (2) (Ill Health)	Liberia (OS)
Denson, Charles Elwood (9)	Tennessee (SE)
Descamps, Maurice E. (7)	Belgium (OS)
DeWeese, H. Owen (4)	North Indiana (NC)
DeWitt, Jesse R. (2)	Detroit (NC)
Dickey, Edwin H. (6)	Ohio (NC)
Dill, R. Lawrence, Jr. (2)	North Alabama (SE)
Dix, Mrs. W. Gordon (1)	Michigan (NC)
Dixon, Ernest T., Jr. (3)	West Texas (C)
Dodd, Paul R. (4)	Holston (SE)
Dodgen, Ethan W. (6)	North Arkansas (SC)
Dodson, Thurman L. (2)	Washington (C)
Doenges, R. S. (4)	Rocky Mountain (W)
Doenges, William C. (1)	Oklahoma (SC)
Dominick, Frank M. (1)	North Alabama (SE)
Don Carlos, Waldo E. (4)	South Iowa (NC)
Dougherty, Glenn (8)	Indiana (NC)
Dougherty, Paul B. (8)	North Indiana (NC)
Dryden, Kenneth (9)	Nebraska (SC)
DuBois, Hugh (4)	Missouri West (SC)
Duck, David A. (5)	South Georgia (SE)
Duffey, Paul A. (7)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Dunkle, William F., Jr. (6) (Tsf.)	Peninsula (NE)
Duren, Lloyd A. (5)	New York (NE)
Dyson, John B. A. (5)	Washington (C)
Eady, Virgil Y. C. (2)	North Georgia (SE)
Earley, Charles M. (9)	Virginia (SE)
Eby, Mrs. John (7)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Edgar, Thomas A. (1)	North Alabama (SE)
Edge, Claude A. (9)	Texas (SC)
Edwards, K. Morgan (6)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Egan, Jim A. (3)	Oklahoma (SC)
Eldridge, Edgar A. (7)	Holston (SE)
Ernst, J. Henry (2)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Eutsler, R. Kern (6)	Virginia (SE)

<i>Evans, Garrett H.</i> (3)	West Virginia	(NE)
<i>Evers, Joseph C.</i> (3)	Southern Illinois	(NC)
<i>Faber, Francis H.</i> (2)	Minnesota	(NC)
<i>Faubion, Mrs. E. M.</i> (2)	Texas	(SC)
<i>Felder, Luther B.</i> (5)	Texas	(C)
<i>Fenn, G. Lemuel</i> (2)	New Mexico	(SC)
<i>Fidler, W. Z.</i> (5)	North Iowa	(NC)
<i>Fields, Mrs. Louis H.</i> (1)	Lexington	(C)
<i>Finch, Gomer W.</i> (5)	West Wisconsin	(NC)
<i>Finger, H. Ellis, Jr.</i> (6) (Episcopacy)	North Mississippi	(SE)
<i>Fischer, Heinz P.</i> (1)	South Germany	(OS)
<i>Fisher, James A.</i> (3)	Memphis	(SE)
<i>Flaming, Wilbert K.</i> (4)	Nebraska	(SC)
<i>Flatt, Franklin Alton</i> (1)	Memphis	(SE)
<i>Flegal, Mrs. Robert</i> (7)	Holston	(SE)
<i>Fleming, Arthur</i> (3)	Oregon	(W)
<i>Fleming, Durwood</i> (8)	Texas	(SC)
<i>Fletcher, Dennis R.</i> (4)	Delaware	(C)
<i>Fletcher, Robert</i> (8)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Flood, Harold D.</i> (2)	Philadelphia	(NE)
<i>Folsom, Jack V.</i> (4)	North Texas	(SC)
<i>Foote, Gaston</i> (3)	Central Texas	(SC)
<i>Forbes, James K.</i> (1)	Indiana	(NC)
<i>Fossett, Clarence L.</i> (3)	Baltimore	(NE)
<i>Foster, George A.</i> (1)	Florida	(SE)
<i>Fowler, H. Thornton</i> (6)	Tennessee	(SE)
<i>Fraggos, James</i> (4)	New England	(NE)
<i>Freeman, G. Ross</i> (6)	South Georgia	(SE)
<i>Freeman, Urias B.</i> (7)	Liberia	(OS)
<i>Frey, John W.</i> (8)	Nebraska	(SC)
<i>Fridy, W. Wallace</i> (6)	South Carolina	(SE)
<i>Fuess, Forest M.</i> (8)	Northern New Jersey	(NE)
<i>Fulton, Ross A.</i> (6)	Missouri West	(SC)
<i>Funkhouser, Clyde R.</i> (6)	Southern Illinois	(NC)
<i>Gacutan, Ezekias G.</i> (3)	Northwest Philippines	(OS)
<i>Gallardo, David</i> (4)	Chile	(OS)
<i>Gammage, Melvin</i> (4) (Moved)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Gantz, Richard H.</i> (7)	Central Illinois	(NC)
<i>Garcia, Catalino T.</i> (6)	Middle Philippines	(OS)
<i>Garcia, Manuel</i> (4)	Cuba	(SE)
<i>Garlington, J. Ezell</i> (7)	North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Garrison, Claude</i> (9)	Ohio	(NC)
<i>Gattinoni, Eduardo J.</i> (2)	Argentina	(OS)
<i>Gentry, Edd W.</i> (9)	Florida	(SE)
<i>Gentry, Mrs. Max</i> (5)	Nebraska	(SC)
<i>Georg, Mrs. H. L.</i> (1)	Central Kansas	(SC)
<i>Gessner, Mrs. Benjamin A.</i>	Kansas	(SC)
<i>Gibson, Harry B., Jr.</i> (7)	Lexington	(C)
<i>Gibson, J. Nelson, Jr.</i> (2)	North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Gillespie, Mrs. Charles B.</i> (7)	Missouri East	(SC)
<i>Godwin, Charles</i> (9)	West Virginia	(NE)
<i>Goens, Ray W.</i> (4)	Texas	(SC)
<i>Goewey, Hobart F.</i> (3) (Deceased)	Troy	(NE)
<i>Gold, Glenn W.</i> (2)	Florida	(SE)
<i>Goodrich, Robert E., Jr.</i> (5)	North Texas	(SC)
<i>Goodson, Gordon L.</i> (5)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Goodson, W. Kenneth</i> (7)	Western North Carolina	(SE)

Goodwin, Mrs. Everett (5)	Ohio (NC)
Goodwin, Heath T. (6) (Transferred out of Conf.)	Michigan (NC)
Goodwin, Robert B. (6)	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Gordon, Harry M. (4)	Wyoming (NE)
Grad, Albert (7)	South Germany (OS)
Graham, John H. (6)	Upper Mississippi (C)
Granberry, Seth W. (1)	Mississippi (SE)
Grantham, Dan L. (5)	Virginia (NE)
Gridley, Mrs. John (3)	Minnesota (NC)
Griffin, Frederick (3)	Belgium (OS)
Grogan, Roy J. (4)	Central Texas (SC)
Guanasing, Benjamin I. (7)	Philippines (OS)
Guderian, Lawrence E. (6)	Oregon (W)
Guffick, William R. (6)	Southern New Jersey (NE)
Gunkelman, Ralph F. (1)	North Dakota (NC)
Guthrie, W. Nelson, Sr. (8)	North Alabama (SE)
Hager, Wesley H. (6)	Missouri East (SC)
Hagiya, Paul H. (7)	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
Hagler, Albert Dale (6)	Florida (SE)
Hagood, Delma L. (2)	North Georgia (SE)
Haley, Elmer N. (2)	Troy (NE)
Hall, Cortelyou C. (6)	Southwest (C)
Hall, N. Guy (5)	Missouri West (SC)
Hamer, Mrs. R. S. (7)	Memphis (SE)
Hamilton, Charles W. (1)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Hamilton, J. Wallace (7)	Florida (SE)
Handy, William T., Jr. (6)	Louisiana (C)
Hann, Paul M. (6)	South Iowa (NC)
Hardcastle, James C. (8)	Delaware (C)
Hardin, Edward L. (6)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Hardt, John W. (7)	Texas (SC)
Harper, John R. (4)	Philadelphia (NE)
Hartenbower, Mrs. G. E. (5)	Central Illinois (NC)
Hartl, Mrs. Emil M. (7)	New England (NE)
Hartman, Mason N. (2)	New England (NE)
Hathaway, Offie L. (9)	North Carolina (SE)
Hattaway, William L. (9)	Texas (SC)
Hauk, Horace B. (2)	Holston (SE)
Hauser, Louis C. (4)	New York (NE)
Havighurst, Lawrence D. (2)	North Iowa (NC)
Hawkins, J. C. (9)	Missouri East (SC)
Hayes, Clare J. (5)	Kansas (SC)
Hayward, C. Douglas (9)	California-Nevada (W)
Hazzard, Walter R., Sr. (1)	Delaware (C)
Heck, J. Holland (3)	Philadelphia (NE)
Hefner, Cecil G. (6)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Henderson, Vernon N. (7)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Henderson, Zach S. (3)	South Georgia (SE)
Henry, Edgar A. (2)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Herbert, Chesley C., Jr. (1)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Herbert, Hugh S. (6)	Montana (W)
Herbert, R. B. (3)	South Carolina (SE)
Herbst, Arnold T. (8)	South Dakota (NC)
Herr, John D. (8)	Philadelphia (NE)
Hickman, Leon E. (2) (Judicial Council)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Hierholzer, Elmer J. (6)	Southwest Texas (SC)
High, Henry R. (8)	West Virginia (NE)
High, Mrs. R. S. (7)	Central Texas (SC)
Hightower, Ted (1)	Louisville (SE)

<i>Hildebrand, Will M.</i> (7)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Hill, Ennis B.</i> (7) (Deceased)	Southwest Texas	(SC)
<i>Holbrook, Donald E.</i> (2)	Michigan	(NC)
<i>Hole, J. Wesley</i> (8)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Holler, J. Carlisle</i> (2)	South Carolina	(SE)
<i>Holm, Carl-Axel</i> (3)	Sweden	(OS)
<i>Holt, D. W.</i> (6)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Holter, Don W.</i> (6)	Kansas	(SC)
<i>Hooper, Granville</i> (8)	Peninsula	(NE)
<i>Howell, Mrs. J. P.</i> (5)	California-Nevada	(W)
<i>Hoy, Russell H.</i> (5)	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Hua, Yao Ping</i> (4)	Sarawak	(OS)
<i>Hubbard, Fred</i> (5)	South Dakota	(NC)
<i>Huffman, Russell A.</i> (6) (Transferred)	Minnesota	(NC)
<i>Hughes, Harold H., Sr.</i> (7)	Virginia	(NE)
<i>Hunaty, Vaclav</i> (1)	Czechoslovakia	(OS)
<i>Hundley, Mrs. R. Lee</i> (7)	East Wisconsin	(NC)
<i>Hunt, Earl G., Jr.</i> (3) (Episcopacy)	Holston	(SE)
<i>Hunt, Walter L.</i> (9)	Wyoming	(NE)
<i>Hunter, J. Duncan, Jr.</i> (7)	North Alabama	(SE)
<i>Hurley, Hubert G.</i> (1)	Southern Illinois	(NC)
<i>Hyatt, Carl B., Jr.</i> (9)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Ingham, Mrs. Edwin A.</i> (5)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Innis, Frank</i> (8)	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
<i>Iron, James P.</i> (8)	Memphis	(SE)
<i>Ivey, George M.</i> (7)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Jackson, Douglas E.</i> (3)	Louisiana	(SC)
<i>Jackson, H. Leo</i> (9)	Holston	(SE)
<i>Jackson, Kelly L.</i> (3)	Washington	(C)
<i>James, D. Trigg, Sr.</i> (2)	Holston	(SE)
<i>Jarvis, Charles S.</i> (6)	Rock River	(NC)
<i>Jason, William C., Jr.</i> (2)	Delaware	(C)
<i>Jaya Prabhu, Lingampalli</i> (4)	South India	(OS)
<i>Jefferson, Allie G.</i> (4)	Virginia	(SE)
<i>Jerome, J. E.</i> (5)	South Carolina	(SE)
<i>Jeuther, Hermann</i> (5)	South Germany	(OS)
<i>Johansen, Frede</i> (4)	Denmark	(OS)
<i>Johnson, Ethel R.</i> (3)	New York	(NE)
<i>Johnson, Joseph T.</i> (2)	Lexington	(C)
<i>Johnson, Lyman S.</i> (5)	Central Kansas	(SC)
<i>Johnston, Mrs. E. K.</i> (1)	West Virginia	(NE)
<i>Johnston, Joseph S.</i> (3)	Virginia	(SE)
<i>Jolly, Elmer</i> (1) (Deceased)	Central Illinois	(NC)
<i>Jones, A. L.</i> (3) (Deceased)	Missouri East	(SC)
<i>Jones, Edwin L., Sr.</i> (2)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Jones, Everett</i> (1)	Baltimore	(NE)
<i>Jones, G. Eliot</i> (3)	Mississippi	(SE)
<i>Jones, Gerald H.</i> (1)	North Indiana	(NC)
<i>Jones, Howard M.</i> (4)	Kentucky	(SE)
<i>Jones, John B.</i> (1)	Baltimore	(NE)
<i>Jones, Lillian L.</i> (7)	Tennessee	(C)
<i>Jones, Lowell D.</i> (3)	Nebraska	(SC)
<i>Jones, Major J.</i> (1)	East Tennessee	(C)
<i>Jones, Robert D.</i> (1)	Northern New York	(NE)
<i>Jordan, Bert</i> (4)	Mississippi	(SE)
<i>Jud, Eugene F.</i> (5)	Central Texas	(SC)
<i>Kahl, Norman F.</i> (1)	West Wisconsin	(NC)
<i>Kapangue, Adreano</i> (5)	Angola	(OS)

Karls, Harold M. (1)	Detroit (NC)
Kearns, Francis E. (3) (Episcopacy)	East Wisconsin (NC)
Keese, William A. (5)	Baltimore (NE)
Kelly, Mrs. John E. (5)	Western New York (NE)
Kelly, Owen T. (4)	Virginia (SE)
Kessler, Charles W. (6)	Troy (NE)
Khoo, Siaw-Hua (5)	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Kibler, Russell (5)	Indiana (NC)
Kimbrough, R. Edwin (3)	North Alabama (SE)
King, Mrs. Carl H. (3)	Western North Carolina (SE)
King, John T. (2)	West Texas (C)
Kingman, Henry L. (7)	South Carolina (SE)
Kirchner, Frederick K. (4)	Troy (NE)
Knudsen, Sverre W. (7)	Norway (OS)
Knupp, Robert E. (4)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Labbitt, Ray W. (Deceased)	Detroit (NC)
Laird, James H. (7)	Detroit (NC)
Lal, James (9)	Delhi (OS)
Lambeth, M. Thomas (1)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Landis, Theodore E. (1)	Virginia (SE)
Lau, Clifford G. (4)	West Wisconsin (NC)
Lawrence, Marquis W. (6)	North Carolina (SE)
Lawrence, Mrs. Melvin E. (5)	New England (NE)
Lay, Robert P. (9)	Louisiana (SC)
Layton, Charles R. (1)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Lee, Ernest W. (2)	Southern New Jersey (NE)
Lee, Vernon L. (4)	Northern New York (NE)
LeFevre, DeWitt C. (3)	Northern New York (NE)
Leggett, J. Willard, Jr. (6)	Mississippi (SE)
Lehmberg, Ben F. (7)	Rocky Mountain (W)
Lester, Woodie D. (5)	Central West (C)
Lewis, G. Wesley (3)	Wyoming (NE)
Lindgren, Alvin J. (6)	East Wisconsin (NC)
Lindstrom, David E. (2)	Central Illinois (NC)
Little, Thomas M. (2)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Littrell, Wade H. (4)	Missouri East (SC)
Livengood, Marion (4)	Central Kansas (SC)
Loder, Dwight E. (3) (Episcopacy)	Rock River (NC)
Loeppert, Henry V. (9)	Rock River (NC)
Long, Arthur V. (7)	South Iowa (NC)
Long, Nat G. (7)	North Georgia (SE)
Lord, Lemuel K. (6)	New England (NE)
Lovern, J. Chess (1) (Tsf. out of Conf.)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Lowery, Joseph E. (2)	Central Alabama (C)
Loyd, H. Brown (2)	Central Texas (SC)
Loyd, W. Harold (6)	Central Illinois (NC)
Lucas, Mrs. Robert (9)	South Iowa (NC)
Lueg, Carl F. (6)	Louisiana (SC)
Luke, Challagalli (3)	Hyderabad (OS)
Lundy, Mrs. Kenneth E. (1)	Central New York (NE)
Lurwick, George C. (5)	Philadelphia (NE)
Luster, Cosum M. (Deceased)	Texas (C)
Lyles, Paul T. (6)	Memphis (SE)
Lyman, Howard A. (5)	Michigan (NC)
Lytle, James R. (1)	New Hampshire (NE)
Mabuce, Mrs. John O. (7)	Western New York (NE)
Madison, J. Clay (2)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Mahon, Eldon (9)	Northwest Texas (SC)

Mann, Robert T. (1)	Florida (SE)
Marquardt, Mrs. A. R. (5)	Nebraska (SC)
Marsh, Charles F. (3)	South Carolina (SE)
Martin, James I. (4)	East Wisconsin (NC)
Martin, Mrs. W. D. (1)	North Iowa (NC)
Marvin, John E. (1)	Detroit (NC)
Massey, Daniel B. (6)	Moradabad (OS)
Master, Ithiel V. (6)	Gujarat (OS)
Masters, Mrs. Paul G. (7) (Deceased)	Philadelphia (NE)
Mathison, Marion C. (5)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Matthew, Glenn E. (3)	Central Kansas (SC)
Matthies, Johannes (6)	South Germany (OS)
McAdam, Mrs. J. L. (7)	Central Illinois (NC)
McCain, Virgil B. (3) (Left Conf.)	North Alabama (SE)
McCleskey, Wayne H. (6)	Texas (SC)
McClure, Oren F. (9)	Central Kansas (SC)
McConnell, Taylor (1)	Rocky Mountain (W)
McCormick, Amos D. (4)	East Tennessee (C)
McCoy, Paul E. (2)	Peninsula (NE)
McCullum, Ira W. (4)	Mississippi (C)
McDavid, Joel D. (3)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
McDonald, E. D. (7)	Southwest Texas (SC)
McFall, Carl (1)	Oklahoma (SC)
McKay, Orville H. (6)	Detroit (NC)
McKee, Stanley S. (1)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
McQuary, Thomas (8)	Louisville (SE)
Meadows, Archie L. (3)	North Mississippi (SE)
Mehl, Mrs. Ernest (7)	Missouri West (SC)
Mell, M. G. (5)	Texas (SC)
Meredith, Victor K., Sr. (1)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Metcalf, Kenneth E. (5)	North Iowa (NC)
Metzel, Mrs. George (7)	Oklahoma (SC)
Michael, Marion S. (2)	Baltimore (NE)
Milikien, Albert S. (8)	North Texas (SC)
Miller, Frederick E. (6)	North Iowa (NC)
Miller, Luther J. (2)	Little Rock (SC)
Miller, Luther L. (7)	Little Rock (SC)
Mills, Charles B. (3)	Ohio (NC)
Milne, W. Arthur (6)	Ohio (NC)
Mitchell, Mrs. B. V. (7)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Mitchell, Eric A. (6)	Bombay (OS)
Mobley, Marion R. (9)	South Carolina (SE)
Moller, Roy P. (4)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Momberg, Paul B. (8)	Ohio (NC)
Montgomery, Edward (5)	North Alabama (SE)
Moon, Robert W. (1)	California-Nevada (W)
Moore, J. Barcus (5)	Southwest-Texas (SC)
Moore, L. S. (2) (Withdrawn)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Moore, Lester L. (1)	South Iowa (NC)
Moore, Manly (8)	Oklahoma (SC)
Moore, Mark M. (1)	Holston (SE)
Moore, Richard V. (3)	Florida (C)
Moore, Roy C. (1)	South Carolina (SE)
Moorehead, Lee C. (6)	Ohio (NC)
Moorhead, Edwin E. (5)	Mississippi (SE)
Moreland, J. Earl (3)	Virginia (SE)
Morgan, James Wm. (1)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Morgan, R. Kenneth (1)	Tennessee (SE)
Morris, Thurman B. (6)	North Indiana (NC)
Morris, Walter J. (5) (Moved out of Conf.)	North-East Ohio (NC)

<i>Moulton, Lewis H.</i> (8)	New Hampshire (NE)
<i>Moulton, Robert L.</i> (8)	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Mouser, Vincent M.</i> (8)	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Mowry, Clytus F.</i> (6)	Western New York (NE)
<i>Mumford, Robert J.</i> (4)	Southern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Munson, Sam A.</i> (3)	Montana (W)
<i>Murdock, Fred E.</i> (1)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Murphy, C. Edwin</i> (1)	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Murray, John V.</i> (5)	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Mwenda, Gaston</i> (3)	Southern Congo (OS)
<i>Myers, Arthur L.</i> (4)	Rock River (NC)
<i>Myers, T. Cecil</i> (1)	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Naves, Bento</i> (2)	Southeast Africa (OS)
<i>Nehemiah, Narsappa</i> (7)	South India (OS)
<i>Neller, Alvin A.</i> (4)	Michigan (NC)
<i>Netterville, George L.</i> (2)	Louisiana (C)
<i>Newman, Mrs. Clyde J.</i> (7)	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Nichols, John B.</i> (6)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Nichols, Roy H.</i> (7)	New York (NE)
<i>Nieto, Simón A.</i> (6)	Rio Grande (SC)
<i>Nilson, Einar-Anker</i> (3)	Norway (OS)
<i>Nirdosh, Y. J.</i> (6)	North India (OS)
<i>Noble, Fred B.</i> (3)	Florida (SE)
<i>Northfelt, Merlyn W.</i> (3)	Rock River (NC)
<i>Northrop, George M.</i> (7)	New York (NE)
<i>Nowlin, Earl M.</i> (6)	New Mexico (SC)
<i>Nyberg, Dennis F.</i> (1)	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Oden, Tal</i> (2)	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Oliphint, Benjamin R.</i> (1)	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Oot, Arthur B.</i> (6)	Northern New York (NE)
<i>Orr, J. Herbert</i> (9)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Orr, Verne, Sr.</i> (9)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Ortman, Ervin R.</i> (4)	South Dakota (NC)
<i>Orton, Hubert E.</i> (4)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Osamba, Albert</i> (2)	Central Congo (OS)
<i>Outler, Albert C.</i> (3)	North Texas (SC)
<i>Owens, Mrs. John A.</i> (5)	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Owens, Joseph H.</i> (4)	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Oxnam, Robert F.</i> (3)	Northern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Palmer, J. Richard</i> (3)	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Palmer, Robert J.</i> (1)	South Carolina (C)
<i>Parks, W. S.</i> (4)	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Parlin, Charles C.</i> (2)	Northern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Parrish, John W.</i> (5)	Detroit (NC)
<i>Parsons, Elton W.</i> (4)	Peninsula (NE)
<i>Patten, William C.</i> (4)	New Mexico (SC)
<i>Patterson, D. Stewart</i> (4)	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Patton, Russell R.</i> (2)	Kentucky (SE)
<i>Paulen, O. Wayne</i> (7)	North Indiana (NC)
<i>Payne, Charlemagne P., Sr.</i> (7)	Mississippi (C)
<i>Pease, Robert B.</i> (8)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Pendergrass, Edward J.</i> (2) (Episcopacy)	Florida (SE)
<i>Pennington, Chester A.</i> (2)	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Perez, Carlos</i> (5)	Cuba (SE)
<i>Perryman, Mrs. W. L.</i> (9)	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Persinger, John</i> (2)	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Pettit, Clare N.</i> (4)	California-Nevada (W)

Pettygrove, G. Clifford (4) (Deceased)	California-Nevada (W)
Pieh, Charles E. (8) (Deceased)	Minnesota (NC)
Pike, Mrs. LeRoy A. (5)	Central Illinois (NC)
Pinkard, Calvin M. (6)	North Alabama (SE)
Pitcher, Dale E. (9)	Central Illinois (NC)
Pitcher, Philip N. (7)	Wyoming (NE)
Poole, Daniel W. (5)	Louisiana (SC)
Pope, Mrs. Rex (7)	North Indiana (NC)
Potter, Truman W. (5)	West Virginia (NE)
Potthoff, Harvey H. (6)	Rocky Mountain (W)
Potts, Edgar A. (5)	Virginia (SE)
Poulsen, Poul B. (7)	Denmark (OS)
Pounds, W. A., Jr. (7)	Texas (SC)
Presley, Isaac P. (4)	Upper Mississippi (C)
Preusch, Robert W. (1)	New York (NE)
Prewitt, Thomas O. (9)	Mississippi (SE)
Priest, Mrs. Roy (7) (Deceased)	Indiana (NC)
Prigmore, L. T., Jr. (4)	Holston (SE)
Proctor, George H. (4)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Propert, George R. (3)	Southern New Jersey (NE)
Pryor, Thomas M. (3) (Episcopacy)	Michigan (NC)
Quellhorst, Ronald (4)	Kansas (SC)
Rae, Mrs. Kirk (3)	Detroit (NC)
Ragsdale, Ray W. (5)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Ram, Silas (3)	Madhya Pradesh (OS)
Randolph, Allen H. L. (6)	Tennessee (C)
Ready, W. J. (4)	South Carolina (SE)
Reavley, Tom (4)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Reeves, Edwin E. (2)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Reid, William W. (9)	New York (NE)
Renick, Mrs. Bruce (9)	Rocky Mountain (W)
Rentz, Mrs. Jacob F. (7)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Respicio, Alfredo R. (2)	Mindanao (OS)
Richards, Charles W. (6)	Little Rock (SC)
Richards, George W. (2)	Central Kansas (SC)
Richardson, Mrs. Clarence E. (5)	Minnesota (NC)
Richardson, Dean E. (2)	Western New York (NE)
Richardson, Ted (1)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Riddick, Roland P. (8)	Virginia (SE)
Rigden, Russell (9)	Southern Illinois (NC)
Riley, Sumpter M., Jr. (4)	Lexington (C)
Rising, Lloyd H. (3)	Kansas (SC)
Ristow, Cecil F. (3)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Ritchey, William H. (9)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Rixse, John H., Jr. (6)	Virginia (SE)
Robb, Don S. (8)	Troy (NE)
Robbins, Cecil W. (6)	North Carolina (SE)
Roberts, Richard L. (2)	West Virginia (NE)
Robertson, Frank L. (7)	South Georgia (SE)
Robey, William T., Jr. (3)	Virginia (SE)
Robinson, Stafford S. (5)	Florida (C)
Robison, Harold (8)	Central Kansas (SC)
Rodda, William F. B. (1)	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Rode, Ryszard F. (4)	Poland (OS)
Rogers, Mrs. C. J. (5)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Rogers, Carleton C. (9)	Rock River (NC)
Rogers, James F. (8)	North Carolina (SE)
Rojas, Juan B. (4)	Bolivia (OS)

<i>Rooks, John J.</i> (9)	Florida	(SE)
<i>Rose, Robert</i> (5)	North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Rosser, Harold</i> (4)	Ohio	(NC)
<i>Roudebush, Roy R.</i> (5)	North Indiana	(NC)
<i>Rowe, Earl N.</i> (6)	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
<i>Ruff, William H.</i> (9)	North Georgia	(SE)
<i>Rupert, Hoover</i> (9)	Detroit	(NC)
<i>Rutter, Kenneth P.</i> (6)	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
<i>Ryser, Ernst</i> (9)	Switzerland	(OS)
<i>Sagar, Sisa M.</i> (6)	Agra	(OS)
<i>Salem, Joe T.</i> (4)	Northwest Texas	(SC)
<i>Samson, Gerardo, Jr.</i> (9)	Middle Philippines	(OS)
<i>Samuel, Rajapur L.</i> (4)	Hyderabad	(OS)
<i>Sander, Harvey H.</i> (6)	South Dakota	(NC)
<i>Sanders, Carl J.</i> (9)	Virginia	(SE)
<i>Santos, Tomás de los</i> (6)	Mindanao	(OS)
<i>Sargeant, John B.</i> (5)	Florida	(SE)
<i>Satterfield, John C., Sr.</i> (2)	Mississippi	(SE)
<i>Savage, William E.</i> (3)	Kentucky	(SE)
<i>Sayre, Charles A.</i> (9)	Southern New Jersey	(NE)
<i>Schaad, Hermann</i> (6)	Switzerland	(OS)
<i>Schaff, Lester</i> (3)	Central New York	(NE)
<i>Schiele, Rudolf</i> (4)	Southwest Germany	(OS)
<i>Schilling, Marvin A.</i> (1)	East Wisconsin	(NC)
<i>Schneidereit, Harry</i> (4)	North East Germany	(OS)
<i>Schoellkopf, Herbert J.</i> (5) (Deceased)	Southern New Jersey	(NE)
<i>Scholz, Ernst P.</i> (5)	North East Germany	(OS)
<i>Schroeder, Harry</i> (4)	Central Germany	(OS)
<i>Schuh, Harry W.</i> (3)	Baltimore	(NE)
<i>Schwiebert, Erwin H.</i> (1)	Idaho	(W)
<i>Scott, Charles S.</i> (1) (Left Conference)	Central West	(C)
<i>Scranton, Walter L.</i> (2)	New York	(NE)
<i>Secrest, Jarrard</i> (8) (Deceased)	Central Texas	(SC)
<i>Seiberling, George</i> (2)	Missouri West	(SC)
<i>Self, David</i> (1)	Alabama-West Florida	(SE)
<i>Shaffer, H. P.</i> (8)	West Virginia	(NE)
<i>Shamblin, J. Kenneth</i> (2)	Texas	(SC)
<i>Shamba, Pierre</i> (7)	Central Congo	(OS)
<i>Shearer, Paul V.</i> (2)	South Iowa	(NC)
<i>Shelton, Roland M.</i> (4)	Little Rock	(SC)
<i>Shindlecker, George W.</i> (4)	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
<i>Shipps, Hammel P.</i> (1)	Southern New Jersey	(NE)
<i>Shivley, Charles S.</i> (2)	North Arkansas	(SC)
<i>Shore, Phillip L., Jr.</i> (3)	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Singh, Alfred</i> (3)	Delhi	(OS)
<i>Singh, Ashok B.</i> (4)	Bengal	(OS)
<i>Singh, F. N. P.</i> (7)	Madhya Pradesh	(OS)
<i>Singh, Mehar</i> (3)	Agra	(OS)
<i>Sisson, W. Rembert</i> (5)	North Georgia	(SE)
<i>Skilling, Mrs. Thelma</i> (8)	Baltimore	(NE)
<i>Slack, William B.</i> (7)	North Texas	(SC)
<i>Slutz, Leonard</i> (2)	Ohio	(NC)
<i>Smart, Rosmund A.</i> (7)	North India	(OS)
<i>Smith, C. Asbury</i> (7)	Baltimore	(NE)
<i>Smith, Eugene L.</i> (7)	Northern New Jersey	(NE)
<i>Smith, Holiday</i> (5)	Holston	(SE)
<i>Smith, Irving L.</i> (2)	Oklahoma	(SC)
<i>Smith, R. E.</i> (8)	Texas	(SC)
<i>Smith, Robert M.</i> (4)	Western North Carolina	(SE)

<i>Smith, William E.</i> (9) (Tsf. out of Conf.)	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Soans, Clement</i> (8)	Bombay (OS)
<i>Sohotra, Emmanuel M.</i> (4)	Indus River (OS)
<i>Soltman, John C.</i> (4)	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Sommer, Carl Ernst</i> (2)	Southwest Germany (OS)
<i>Sone, Law</i> (1)	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Sosa, Adam F.</i> (6)	Argentina (OS)
<i>Sowards, Mrs. Leonard N.</i> (7)	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Spear, Mrs. Charles W.</i> (7)	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Spears, R. W.</i> (1)	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Sprowls, Claude S.</i> (5)	Louisville (SE)
<i>Stamm, John F.</i> (8)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Standard, Forrest L.</i> (3)	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Stanley, Sam C.</i> (4)	North Mississippi (SE)
<i>Starkey, Lycurgus M., Jr.</i> (1) (Tsf. out of Conf.)	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Staubach, William T., Jr.</i> (5)	New York (NE)
<i>Steel, Marshall T.</i> (3)	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Steele, Clay E.</i> (4)	Rock River (NC)
<i>Steele, Sam</i> (3)	New Mexico (SC)
<i>Stettler, Wallace F.</i> (6)	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Stevens, Ben M.</i> (7)	Mississippi (SE)
<i>Stocking, Carl L.</i> (3)	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Stockton, Ralph M.</i> (8)	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Stockwell, F. O.</i> (3)	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
<i>Stokes, Mack B.</i> (6)	Holston (SE)
<i>Stone, Mrs. John Paul</i> (9)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Stowe, W. McFerrin</i> (3) (Episcopacy)	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Stratton, Leslie M. III</i> (9)	Memphis (SE)
<i>Stretch, Mrs. Mabel K.</i> (7)	Southern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Stroh, Byron F.</i> (9) (Tsf. out of Conf.)	North Indiana (NC)
<i>Strong, Donald T.</i> (9)	Michigan (NC)
<i>Strother, William Bruce</i> (3)	Tennessee (SE)
<i>Stuart, R. Marvin</i> (7) (Episcopacy)	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Stump, Phil D.</i> (8) (Deceased)	Central New York (NE)
<i>Styron, Mrs. Arthur</i> (1)	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Surfus, Leland C.</i> (4)	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Susat, Edward</i> (4)	Indiana (NC)
<i>Sutton, William A.</i> (4)	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Swales, Harold S.</i> (2)	Central New York (NE)
<i>Szczepkowski, Jozef</i> (7)	Poland (OS)
<i>Tannehill, Francis V.</i> (7) (Tsf.)	North Dakota (NC)
<i>Tate, Willis M.</i> (3)	North Texas (SC)
<i>Taylor, Mrs. Adrienne</i> (5)	Northern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Taylor, Eben</i> (4)	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Taylor, Mrs. Ethan L.</i> (7)	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Tennant, John W.</i> (7)	Michigan (NC)
<i>Terasawa, Tosh</i> (1)	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
<i>Thistle, Richard C.</i> (7)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
<i>Thomas, James S.</i> (2) (Episcopacy)	South Carolina (C)
<i>Thomas, John</i> (1)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
<i>Thompson, Everett K.</i> (4)	Southern Illinois (NC)
<i>Thompson, Gordon G., Jr.</i> (3)	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Thompson, Lionel E.</i> (4)	Detroit (NC)
<i>Thompson, Pat</i> (1)	Texas (SC)
<i>Thornburg, Amos A.</i> (6)	Rock River (NC)
<i>Thornburg, Richard A.</i> (6)	New York (NE)
<i>Thornton, B. I.</i> (8)	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Thorpe, Robert M.</i> (5)	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Thrift, Charles T., Jr.</i> (3)	Florida (SE)

Thurman, Mrs. David R. (7)	Florida (SE)
Titus, D. P. (3)	Lucknow (OS)
Tompkins, Mrs. Clarence W. (9)	North Iowa (NC)
Tower, Joe Z. (3)	Texas (SC)
Trice, William E. (2)	Louisiana (SC)
Trott, Norman L. (6)	Baltimore (NE)
Truax, Lyle H. (1)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Tsopotsa, Samuel (3) (Left Conf.)	Rhodesia (OS)
Tuell, Jack M. (6)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Turlington, Mrs. H. C. (7)	North Carolina (SE)
Turnage, Roy L. (4)	North Carolina (SE)
Turpen, H. H. (4)	Tennessee (SE)
Tullis, Edward L. (7)	Kentucky (SE)
Tuttle, Lee F. (9)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Tuttle, Robert G. (7)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Tyler, Charles A. (2)	Indiana (NC)
Tyrrell, Mrs. J. Boyd (7)	Virginia (SE)

Uhlinger, James R. (3) New England (NE)

Valenzuela, Raymond (5)	Chile (OS)
Van Sickle, John R. (1)	Rock River (NC)
Vaughan, William C. (2)	Virginia (SE)
Velasco, Virgilio T. (4)	North Philippines (OS)
Verdin, Douglas F. (6)	New York (NE)
Vogel, Hans (6)	Central Germany (OS)
Vosburg, Frederick C. (3)	Detroit (NC)

Wagner, H. Hughes (9)	New England (NE)
Wagner, Joseph H. (5)	Missouri East (SC)
Walker, Harvey A. (8)	North Iowa (NC)
Walker, James M. (2)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Walker, W. Roland (8)	Virginia (SE)
Walkup, Elbert E. (5)	Tennessee (SE)
Ward, Paul M. (4)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Ware, Mrs. Carl E. (1)	Ohio (NC)
Warman, John B. (1)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Warner, William B. (9)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Warren, Charles L. (9)	New York (NE)
Watkins, Clyde F. (5)	Holston (SE)
Watson, Mrs. D. E. (7)	Central Kansas (SC)
Watson, Mrs. Russell O. (7)	Oregon (W)
Weaver, Adolph P. (6)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Weaver, L. Stacy (3)	North Carolina (SE)
Webb, Lance (2) (Episcopacy)	Ohio (NC)
Webber, Frank (8)	California-Nevada (W)
Weems, Mrs. Howard V. (6)	Florida (SE)
Weldon, E. Wade (2)	Louisville (SE)
Weldon, Wilson O. (5)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Wertz, D. Frederick (3)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Wesley, Ralph G. (6)	Kentucky (SE)
West, T. Albert, Jr. (8)	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Whatley, John W. (5)	North Georgia (SE)
Wheatley, Melvin E., Jr. (3)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Wheeler, Sterling F. (3) (Sabbatical)	Southwest Texas (SC)
White, Albert L., Jr. (1)	Virginia (SE)
White, Charles D. (4)	Western North Carolina (SE)
White, John A. (8)	South Carolina (SE)
White, L. L. (1)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Whiteley, Lawrence E. (4)	Minnesota (NC)

<i>Whitmore, Austin R.</i> (3)	Ohio (NC)
<i>Whyman, Henry C.</i> (3)	New York (NE)
<i>Wiant, Paul</i> (4)	Ohio (NC)
<i>Wiedegard, Arne G.</i> (6)	Sweden (OS)
<i>Wilcox, Wilbur</i> (3)	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Wilkes, Jack S.</i> (7) (Transferred out of Conf.)	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Wilkins, John R.</i> (2)	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Williams, Mrs. Beryl E. W.</i> (1)	Washington (C)
<i>Williams, Frank S.</i> (1)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Williams, George R.</i> (7)	North Mississippi (SE)
<i>Williams, Harold B.</i> (6)	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Williams, Ira E.</i> (9)	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Williams, L. Stanley</i> (6)	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Williams, R. Clarence</i> (4)	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Willson, James M., Sr.</i> (3)	Northwest Texas (SC)
<i>Wilson, J. F.</i> (9)	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Wilson, Winslow N.</i> (2)	West Wisconsin (NC)
<i>Winchester, Clarence M.</i> (9)	North Carolina (C)
<i>Winter, Hauser</i> (7)	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Wittman, Mrs. Otto J.</i> (7)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Witwer, Samuel W.</i> (2) (Judicial Council)	Rock River (NC)
<i>Wolf, John D.</i> (6)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
<i>Wong, Lai-Yuen</i> (4)	Malaya (OS)
<i>Woodruff, Ralph</i> (5)	North Arkansas (SC)
<i>Woolsey, Mrs. V. G.</i> (2)	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Wooten, Mrs. H. L.</i> (7)	Texas (C)
<i>Yancey, Charles L.</i> (4)	Memphis (SE)
<i>Yap, Kim-Hao</i> (7)	Malaya (OS)
<i>Yocom, Donald R.</i> (5)	Ohio (NC)
<i>Yoder, Harvey O.</i> (6)	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Young, Harry E.</i> (4)	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Young, J. Otis</i> (9)	Ohio (NC)
<i>Zambrana, Cleto</i> (1)	Bolivia (OS)
<i>Zellmer, Willard A.</i> (8)	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Zuener, Walther</i> (2)	Northwest Germany (OS)
<i>Ziegler, Wilbur C.</i> (1)	New England (NE)
<i>Zunguze, Escrivao A.</i> (7) (Elected to Episcopacy)	Southeast Africa (OS)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RESERVE DELEGATES

(*Italics* denote Ministerial Delegates)

<i>Acey, Archie E.</i>	Virginia	(SE)
Acker, Karl Heinz	Southwest Germany	(OS)
Adams, Fred	North Texas	(SC)
<i>Adams, Robert H.</i>	West Wisconsin	(NC)
<i>Adcock, Woodrow W.</i>	Northwest Texas	(SC)
<i>Adolfsson, Tage</i>	Southeast Africa	(OS)
Aiken, O. Glenn	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
Akin, Mrs. Vern	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Albertson, C. Gene</i>	Oregon	(W)
<i>Alexander, Thurman F.</i>	North-East Ohio	(NC)
Alford, J. W.	Mississippi	(SE)
<i>Allen, Charles L.</i> (3)	Texas	(SC)
Allen, Mrs. J. T. (2)	Alabama-West Florida	(SE)
Allison, William	Missouri East	(SC)
Allman, S. H.	Little Rock	(SC)
Ammerman, Carl R.	Detroit	(NC)
<i>Amoss, Howard M.</i>	Peninsula	(NE)
Anderson, Dorothy	Southeast Africa	(OS)
Anderson, Roy L.	Montana	(W)
Anderson, Scott	Central Illinois	(NC)
Anderson, T. W.	Rocky Mountain	(W)
Anderson, William F.	Southeast Africa	(OS)
Anderson, Mrs. William T.	Central New York	(NE)
<i>Andrés, Simeon A.</i>	Northern Philippines	(OS)
Anthes, Robert	Nebraska	(SC)
Anthony, Lois R. (2)	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
Appleby, Harry	Peninsula	(NE)
<i>Appleby, William F.</i>	North Mississippi	(SE)
Applegate, Fred L. (Deceased)	Southern New Jersey	(NE)
Archer, Dorothy T.	Western New York	(NE)
Archer, John H.	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Arias, Mortimer D.</i>	Bolivia	(OS)
<i>Arthur, C. Ralph</i>	Virginia	(SE)
Astorga, Mario	Chile	(OS)
<i>Atkinson, Samuel M.</i>	South Carolina	(SE)
<i>Avery, Keith T.</i> (3)	Michigan	(NC)
Aviles, Alfredo K.	Bolivia	(OS)
Backenson, Henry L.	Southern New Jersey	(NE)
Badgett, Mrs. E. J.	Louisiana	(C)
<i>Bagby, Grover C., Jr.</i>	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Baily, Joyce J.</i>	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
<i>Bainbridge, Warren S.</i>	Rocky Mountain	(W)
Baker, Edgar R.	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
<i>Baker, Harry F.</i>	Ohio	(NC)
<i>Balcomb, Raymond E.</i> (2)	Oregon	(W)
Baldwin, Harry	Central Illinois	(NC)
Bañados, Homero	Chile	(OS)
<i>Barcus, Edward R.</i> (Transferred)	North Texas	(SC)
Barnes, Bryce	Central Illinois	(NC)
Barnett, I. Nels (5)	North Arkansas	(SC)
<i>Barnett, Vernie T.</i> (6)	Southern Illinois	(NC)
Barnhardt, Mrs. Leslie E. (1)	Western North Carolina	(SE)

Barr, Mrs. Ronald	Minnesota	(NC)
Barrett, J. Norman	New Hampshire	(NE)
Bartram, John W. (6)	Montana	(W)
Baskerville, M. Trevor (1)	North Iowa	(NC)
Bastuscheck, Burton O.	Oregon	(W)
Bayer, Karl O.	Texas	(SC)
Beard, Stephen S.	Ohio	(NC)
Beasley, Harvey L.	North Mississippi	(SE)
Beck, Russell F.	Detroit	(NC)
Becker, Joe (1)	Central Kansas	(SC)
Beeson, M. A.	Oklahoma	(SC)
Beisiegel, Karl	Southwest Germany	(OS)
Bell, A. C.	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Benedyktowicz, Witold	Poland	(OS)
Bennett, A. E.	West Virginia	(NE)
Berg, Darrell E.	Nebraska	(SC)
Beverly, F. J., Jr.	South Georgia	(SE)
Bickham, Mrs. R. W.	Central Texas	(SC)
Biggers, Gilbert M.	Louisville	(SE)
Billman, Allan G.	Rock River	(NC)
Bjerno, Henning	Denmark	(OS)
Bjork, Virgil V.	North Indiana	(NC)
Black, Felix (1)	North Mississippi	(SE)
Black, Joe L.	North Georgia	(SE)
Blackburn, Robert M.	Florida	(SE)
Blackwell, H. Conrad	Virginia	(SE)
Blakemore, John H.	Virginia	(SE)
Blasingame, Walter A.	South Georgia	(SE)
Bleathen, Harry S.	West Virginia	(NE)
Boggs, Clyde S.	North Carolina	(SE)
Boley, Arthur W.	Central Illinois	(NC)
Boleyn, Charles	North Georgia	(SE)
Bolt, Lloyd D.	South Carolina	(SE)
Bond, Nye O.	Nebraska	(SC)
Bonser, Rex	Central Illinois	(NC)
Boswell, Hamilton T.	California-Nevada	(W)
Boswell, Robert N.	California-Nevada	(W)
Bowdon, J. Henry, Sr.	Louisiana	(SC)
Bowen, Theodore R. (9)	Baltimore	(NE)
Boyd, Robert F.	Virginia	(SE)
Boykin, Samuel J.	North Georgia	(SE)
Bozeman, W. S.	Florida	(SE)
Bramlett, Sam	Texas	(SC)
Brannon, William L.	South Carolina	(SE)
Breland, A. Dan, Jr. (7)	Mississippi	(SE)
Bridges, Eugene E.	North Alabama	(SE)
Bridges, Joe H.	South Georgia	(SE)
Bristah, James W.	Detroit	(NC)
Britt, Tom M.	Northwest Texas	(SC)
Broome, Allan R.	South Carolina	(SE)
Brose, Erwin	Northeast Germany	(OS)
Brown, Clifford C.	Central Illinois	(NC)
Brown, Covert	Missouri East	(SC)
Brown, Mrs. E. K.	Rocky Mountain	(W)
Brown, Howard J.	North-East Ohio	(NC)
Brown, Joseph E.	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
Brown, Lawrence K. (3)	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Brown, Mrs. Norton	Missouri West	(SC)
Brown, Samuel R.	Tennessee	(C)
Brown, William E., Sr.	New York	(NE)

<i>Brubaker, Herbert C.</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Brunley, Ira A.</i>	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Bryant, Thomas V.</i>	Lexington (C)
<i>Buck, Stanley M.</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>Bugg, Robert W.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Buhler, Donald (7)</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Bullock, W. J.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Burgess, J. R.</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Burney, Harry L.</i>	Florida (C)
<i>Burns, Jackson (Transferred out)</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Burns, W. Reese</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Burr, R. Hudson, Jr.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Bush, J. Howard</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Buta, Antonio (5)</i>	Angola (OS)
<i>Butler, Randle R.</i>	New Mexico (SC)
<i>Butler, William P.</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Buttimer, Thomas A.</i>	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Butts, Bryan J.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Cabrera, Ismeal (4)</i>	Puerto Rico Provisional (NE)
<i>Calata, Frailan B.</i>	Northern Philippines (OS)
<i>Caldwell, Mrs. T. A.</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Callahan, William E., Jr.</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Campbell, Richard W.</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Cardosa, Zacarias</i>	Angola (OS)
<i>Carraway, James L.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Carrell, Mrs. John W.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Carrington, Charles L. (Deceased)</i>	Delaware (C)
<i>Carroll, Edward G.</i>	Washington (C)
<i>Carter, A. M.</i>	Georgia (C)
<i>Carter, Stanley</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Cary, Robert J.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Casad, Victor</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Chadwick, W. C.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Chamberlain, William A.</i>	Maine (NE)
<i>Chandler, George P. (1)</i>	Peninsula (NE)
<i>Chandler, Hartwell F.</i>	Peninsula (NE)
<i>Chandler, Henry T.</i>	Louisville (SE)
<i>Chandler, Louis V. (4)</i>	North Texas (SC)
<i>Chant, George W. (8)</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Chasteen, N. Clinton</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Cheng, Dora</i>	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
<i>Chieng, Kaik-Ming</i>	Sarawak (OS)
<i>Chilcote, Thomas F.</i>	Holston (SE)
<i>Chiles, Paul D.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Chrisman, C. S.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Church, Benjamin D.</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Churchill, Kelly</i>	East Wisconsin (NC)
<i>Clabaugh, E. C.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Clardy, Mrs. Sara J.</i>	Central West (C)
<i>Clark, Mrs. E. G.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Clark, Fred C.</i>	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Clark, L. C.</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Clark, Max R.</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Clay, H. C., Jr.</i>	Mississippi (C)
<i>Clayton, J. Ralph (Transferred)</i>	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Clegg, Leland</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Clem, Paul L. (6)</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Clinton, Gordon S.</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Cloud, Douglas I.</i>	Philadelphia (NE)

<i>Clute, Dow S.</i>	Troy (NE)
<i>Cobb, Mrs. Edgar</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Coe, Mrs. O. B.</i>	West Texas (C)
<i>Cogar, Mrs. Jeanette</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Collins, Price M.</i>	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Conger, William W.</i>	Oregon (W)
<i>Conley, Phil N.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Contee, Earl</i>	Washington (C)
<i>Conway, Ralph W.</i>	East Wisconsin (NC)
<i>Cooke, George W.</i>	Western New York (NE)
<i>Cooke, R. Leonard (2)</i>	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Cooley, O. Edward</i>	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Cooper, Earle N.</i>	Troy (NE)
<i>Cooper, Lawrence T.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Copher, Charles B.</i>	Lexington (C)
<i>Corriher, W. Douglas</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Cottingham, Mrs. Thad J. (3)</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Cotton, Clare M. (2)</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Cox, J. Henry</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Cox, Navarro</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Cranston, John M.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Crawford, Jack</i>	Kentucky (SE)
<i>Crawford, Nace B.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Crayton, Alfred L.</i>	Wyoming (NE)
<i>Crenshaw, Bryan</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Cromwell, G. Custer</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Croyle, Robert R.</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Crummey, D. Clifford</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Culpepper, Mrs. Ross</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Cutlip, William W.</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Dailey, Charles P.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Dale, Francis L.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Damon, Walter</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Daniel, Dayal M.</i>	Agra (OS)
<i>Daniel, Mrs. J. L.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Das, Smart K.</i>	Indus River (OS)
<i>Daniel, Kollur V.</i>	Hyderabad (OS)
<i>Davenport, Mrs. L. N.</i>	Southern Illinois (NC)
<i>David, Joshua</i>	Bombay (OS)
<i>Davidson, Carl M.</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Davis, Charles F.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Davis, Howard</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Davis, Joseph M.</i>	Central Congo (OS)
<i>Davis, Laurence R.</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Davis, Merritt H.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Dawson, John H.</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Dawson, R. Grady</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Deal, Homer S.</i>	Idaho (W)
<i>Deffebach, Lyle</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)
<i>Dement, Frank E., Jr.</i>	Mississippi (SE)
<i>Dempsey, I. F.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Devadanam, K. J.</i>	Hyderabad (OS)
<i>Dicken, John R.</i>	North Indiana (NC)
<i>Dickerson, Homer L.</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Dickhaut, John W. (2)</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Dickinson, William H.</i>	North Texas (SC)
<i>Dillon, Clyde A.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Divelbess, Harold</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Dixon, John A., Jr.</i>	Louisiana (SC)

<i>Doak, D. Wesley</i>	Oklahoma	(SC)
<i>Dodson, Sam R., Jr.</i>	Tennessee	(SE)
<i>Döring, Martin</i>	Northeast Germany	(OS)
<i>Doss, Russell</i>	Memphis	(SE)
<i>Douglas, Luman E.</i>	Louisiana	(SC)
<i>Dralans, Arthur</i>	Belgium	(OS)
<i>Drinkard, Eugene T.</i>	North Georgia	(SE)
<i>Dryden, Mrs. Kenneth</i>	Nebraska	(SC)
<i>DuBois, W. Earl</i>	Alabama-West Florida	(SE)
<i>DuBose, Robert N.</i>	South Carolina	(SE)
<i>Dudley, Mrs. C. P.</i>	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Duffie, George S., Sr.</i>	South Carolina	(SE)
<i>Duncan, Robert H. (3)</i>	Holston	(SE)
<i>Dunipace, William</i>	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Durham, Donald W.</i>	Kentucky	(SE)
<i>Eardly, James G.</i>	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Early, Jack J.</i>	South Dakota	(NC)
<i>Ebright, Arlon O.</i>	Central Kansas	(SC)
<i>Edens, Hollis A.</i>	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Edwards, Alonzo C.</i>	North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Edwards, Robert C.</i>	South Carolina	(SE)
<i>Edwards, Miss Sundra</i>	South India	(OS)
<i>Egan, William F., Jr. (5)</i>	Southern New Jersey	(NE)
<i>Egger, John F.</i>	Mississippi	(SE)
<i>Eich, Foster, Jr.</i>	Alabama-West Florida	(SE)
<i>Ellis, Matt L.</i>	North Arkansas	(SC)
<i>English, John A.</i>	Northwest Texas	(SC)
<i>Ensor, Lowell S.</i>	Baltimore	(NE)
<i>Epps, Anderson C.</i>	Georgia	(C)
<i>Ely, J. A., Jr.</i>	North Mississippi	(SE)
<i>Eriksson, Kaare E.</i>	Rhodesia	(OS)
<i>Erwin, Richard C.</i>	North Carolina	(C)
<i>Ethieson, D. D.</i>	Oklahoma	(SC)
<i>Ether, Horace</i>	Philadelphia	(NE)
<i>Eubank, Graham S.</i>	North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Evans, Paul F. (6)</i>	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Evans, Rexford</i>	Wyoming	(NE)
<i>Evans, Thomas</i>	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Evans, William S., Sr.</i>	Memphis	(SE)
<i>Everson, Sydney C. G.</i>	Ohio	(NC)
<i>Fagan, J. Harold</i>	Texas	(SC)
<i>Falls, Robin P.</i>	North India	(OS)
<i>Fang, C. N.</i>	Malaysia Chinese	(OS)
<i>Farley, Thomas K.</i>	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Farr, Joyce W. (7)</i>	California-Nevada	(W)
<i>Farrell, Leighton</i>	Central Texas	(SC)
<i>Faus, Raymond W. (Deceased)</i>	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
<i>Feather, Merritt H.</i>	West Virginia	(NE)
<i>Felton, C. Paul</i>	Philadelphia	(NE)
<i>Fenstermacher, George</i>	North Indiana	(NC)
<i>Ferrer, Cornelio M.</i>	Northwest Philippines	(OS)
<i>Few, Eugene C.</i>	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Fichter, Joseph W.</i>	Ohio	(NC)
<i>Fierro, Victor (4)</i>	Chile	(OS)
<i>Figgs, Clyde P.</i>	Virginia	(SE)
<i>Fink, Harold H.</i>	Virginia	(SE)
<i>Finkbeiner, Melvin M.</i>	Pacific Northwest	(W)
<i>Firth, William E.</i>	Baltimore	(NE)

Fischer, Ronald E.	Detroit (NC)
Fisher, Edgar B.	North Carolina (SE)
Fisher, J. Herschel	North Texas (SC)
Fisher, James C.	West Virginia (NE)
Fisher, John (4)	New England (NE)
Fisher, Theodore H.	South Carolina (C)
Fiske, Julian	North Georgia (SE)
Fletcher, Fremont C.	Minnesota (NC)
Flurry, Fred S.	Louisiana (SC)
Flythe, Sutton S.	Virginia (SE)
Fondren, Mrs. W. W.	Texas (SC)
Fooks, B. T.	Little Rock (SC)
Ford, Floyd	Tennessee (SE)
Ford, Mrs. W. D.	Oklahoma (SC)
Forsberg, Clarence J.	Nebraska (SC)
Fossett, Warren J.	Oklahoma (SC)
Fouts, Mrs. Kyle B.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Fowler, Conrad M.	North Alabama (SE)
Fox, Donald	Rocky Mountain (W)
Fox, Raymbond A.	Detroit (NC)
Foy, James D. (3)	Washington (C)
Frank, Paul (9)	Missouri West (SC)
Franklin, Allnutt T.	Lucknow (OS)
Franklin, Denson N.	North Alabama (SE)
Frederick, Mrs. Ira	Nebraska (SC)
Freeman, Francis F.	Wyoming (NE)
Freeman, W. Carroll	Virginia (SE)
French, John E. (6)	Peninsula (NE)
French, Walter	Nebraska (SC)
Fribley, Robert W. (9)	North Indiana (NC)
Frye, Mrs. Henry A.	Philadelphia (NE)
Gaddy, L. Shaw	Mississippi (SE)
Gaines, Mrs. Marie M.	East Tennessee (C)
Garden, George B.	Hyderabad (OS)
Garibay, Limerio C.	Mindanao (OS)
Garrett, C. Dendy	South Iowa (NC)
Gemo, Finias J.	Southeast Africa (OS)
Gibson, Worth W.	Little Rock (SC)
Gilbert, J. C.	Memphis (SE)
Gilchrist, Carl K.	West Virginia (NE)
Gilmore, Bryan C.	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Gladstone, Houle S.	Hyderabad (OS)
Glazier, Mrs. Roger B.	Wyoming (NE)
Gold, Donald W.	Minnesota (NC)
Gonser, Ivan O.	Detroit (NC)
Gonzalez, Josué	Rio Grande (SC)
Goodrich, Harry W.	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Gott, Mrs. Henry V.	Central Kansas (SC)
Goulding, Farnham B.	New England (NE)
Granadosin, Paul Locke	Philippines (OS)
Grant, Ernest	Central New York (NE)
Gray, Darrell D. (7)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Gray, Frank M.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Graybeal, H. C.	Holston (SE)
Greathouse, Frank	New Mexico (SC)
Greene, Jesse S.	New England (NE)
Gregory, Kermit C.	Central Illinois (NC)
Grettenberger, Mrs. Louis H.	Michigan (NC)
Grier, Joe D.	Georgia (C)

Griffin, Ben	South Georgia (SE)
Griffin, Mrs. S. L. (4)	Upper Mississippi (C)
Griffith, Mrs. Florence	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Grose, Wilbur D.	Minnesota (NC)
Guerra, Mrs. Esther	Cuba (SE)
Guice, Marvin R.	Southern New Jersey (NE)
Guiles, Floyd E.	Central New York (NE)
Guthrie, Timothy W.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Haggard, Carl W.	Kentucky (SE)
Haisten, Warren	North Georgia (SE)
Hall, Aaron D.	Florida (C)
Hall, Thomas D.	Missouri West (SC)
Hamilton, Richard E.	Indiana (NC)
Hamm, Clarence H.	Central Kansas (SC)
Hancock, C. W.	South Georgia (SE)
Hancock, Eugene H.	North Iowa (NC)
Hanley, L. Keith	West Wisconsin (NC)
Hann, Victor B.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Hardin, Cecil P.	Holston (SE)
Hardin, Edward K.	South Carolina (SE)
Hardin, H. Grady	Texas (SC)
Harkness, Georgia	Troy (NE)
Härle, Eugen	South Germany (OS)
Harper, Jolly B.	Louisiana (SC)
Harris, Melville F. (2)	Liberia (OS)
Harris, Therman	Oklahoma (SC)
Harrison, Dallas M.	North Iowa (NC)
Harrison, Fred R. (6)	Little Rock (SC)
Harrison, Walter	South Georgia (SE)
Hart, Kenneth	Missouri West (SC)
Harvey, J. T.	West Virginia (NE)
Harwood, Thomas A. (Deceased)	Rock River (NC)
Hastings, Ralph G. (7)	Indiana (NC)
Haug, Edward R.	Louisiana (SC)
Hauptman, Leo M.	North Indiana (NC)
Hawkins, Mrs. Inez	Washington (C)
Hayden, Mrs. Harold W.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Hayes, Robert E.	Texas (C)
Hays, Ralph	Mississippi (SE)
Headlee, Russell E.	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Heath, Thomas W.	North Carolina (SE)
Heckard, Cecil L.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Heins, Conrad P.	South India (OS)
Heitzenrater, H. Clair	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Helas, Marta de	Chile (OS)
Hell, Konrad	Switzerland (OS)
Helrigel, William H., Jr.	Michigan (NC)
Hendricks, Ralph R.	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Heninger, Harry	Central Illinois (NC)
Henninger, F. LaMont	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Henry, Mrs. Albert (9)	Kansas (SC)
Henry, Mrs. Archie R.	West Wisconsin (NC)
Henry, Waights G., Jr.	North Georgia (SE)
Herd, George W.	Ohio (NC)
Herrmann, Mrs. Ernest F.	West Wisconsin (NC)
Hickerson, Walter J.	Central Kansas (SC)
Hickman, Victor R.	South Carolina (SE)
Hicks, John J., Sr. (Moved out of Conference)	Central West (C)
Hicks, Ralph H.	Missouri East (SC)

<i>Hildreth, Charles H.</i>	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Hill, W. Norbert</i>	New England Southern (NE)
<i>Hillis, J. Ralph</i>	North Arkansas (NC)
<i>Hillis, Raymond</i> (4)	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Hines, Mrs. M. P. (Left Conf.)</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)
<i>Hippel, George N.</i>	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Hjelte, Marshall C.</i> (4)	Oregon (W)
<i>Hocking, Reginald S.</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Hodapp, Leroy C.</i>	Indiana (NC)
<i>Hogg, William K.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Holbrook, Mrs. John W.</i> (5)	Kentucky (SE)
<i>Holland, Horace J.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Holloman, Garland H.</i>	North Mississippi (SE)
<i>Holmes, Robert C.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Holte, Alfred O.</i> (5)	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Hood, Dixon</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>Hooke, Albert V.</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Hooper, Mrs. Joel W.</i> (8)	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Horner, William H. (Left Conf.)</i>	Western New York (NE)
<i>Horst, Preston E.</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Horton, Mrs. William E., Jr.</i> (8)	Texas (SC)
<i>Hottle, Darrell</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Houston, Mrs. Colin</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Houston, Ralph M.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Howard, T. J.</i>	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Howard, William M., Jr.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Howe, Gaylon L.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Howe, Robert B.</i>	Southern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Howe, Robert C.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Howell, Forest W.</i>	Northwest Indiana (NC)
<i>Howell, Maggart B.</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Howes, John B.</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Hozendorf, C. Ray</i> (5)	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Hubbard, Albert T.</i> (4)	Louisville (SE)
<i>Hudgins, J. C.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Hug, Paul</i>	Switzerland (OS)
<i>Huggin, James G.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Hughes, L. Roy</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Hughes, Nat Ryan</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>Hull, Mrs. Olyn F.</i> (8)	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Humphrey, A. L.</i> (3)	Texas (C)
<i>Hunt, C. H.</i>	Tennessee (SE)
<i>Hunt, Clark W.</i>	Northern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Hunt, Dollye</i>	Mississippi (C)
<i>Hunt, Frederick W.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Hunt, Kenneth W.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Hutcherson, Lyon B., Sr.</i>	Louisville (SE)
<i>Hyde, Melvin W.</i>	Indiana (NC)
<i>Hydon, Paul V.</i> (3)	Troy (NE)
<i>Hymes, Myron B.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Ingram, Ben L. (Deceased)</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Inman, W. O.</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>Isaiah, Bairappa R.</i> (7)	South India (OS)
<i>Isaias, Gutierrez</i>	Chile (OS)
<i>Jackson, Charles A., Jr.</i>	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Jackson, Mrs. T. A.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Jackson, W. W.</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Jacoby, Wilbur</i> (4)	California-Nevada (W)

<i>Jamella, Gideon</i>	Southeast Africa (OS)
<i>James, William M.</i> (5)	New York (NE)
<i>Jarvis, J. C.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Jenkins, Warren M.</i> (2)	South Carolina (C)
<i>Jenks, Robert L.</i> (Withdrawn)	Southern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Jepson, Mrs. Paul</i>	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Johnson, Elmer C.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Johnson, Francis</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Johnson, Hubert</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Johnson, Leslie H.</i>	New England (NE)
<i>Johnson, Zachary T.</i>	Kentucky (SE)
<i>Johnston, Kenneth C.</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Jolley, Delbert E.</i>	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Jones, Charles A.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Jones, Mrs. Elmira W.</i>	Texas (C)
<i>Jones, Ernest H., Sr.</i> (8)	Indiana (NC)
<i>Jones, Z. Glen</i> (1)	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Jones, Herman H.</i>	Tennessee (C)
<i>Jones, Judd H.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Jones, L. Bevel, III</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Jones, William M.</i> (6)	North Mississippi (SE)
<i>Jones, Willis B.</i>	Montana (W)
<i>Jongeward, Robert H.</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>Jordan, Frank B.</i> (9)	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Jordan, Willard T.</i>	North Indiana (NC)
<i>Joshi, Purushottam R.</i>	Bombay (OS)
<i>Kale, W. Arthur</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Kallstad, Thorvald E.</i>	Sweden (OS)
<i>Kandel, Clark</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Kane, Mrs. C. G.</i>	Missouri East (SC)
<i>Kaputo, Elie</i>	Southern Congo (OS)
<i>Kates, Robert L.</i>	Mississippi (SE)
<i>Kavanaugh, Joseph H.</i>	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Keeley, Virgil D.</i> (7)	North Arkansas (SC)
<i>Kecmer, Leland W.</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Keith, James W.</i>	Indiana (NC)
<i>Kelley, L. Clarence</i>	East Wisconsin (NC)
<i>Kellogg, Charles P.</i>	Lexington (C)
<i>Kellogg, Harold F.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Kemling, Max V.</i>	Southeast Africa (OS)
<i>Kendall, Charles S.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Kenderdine, John E.</i>	Maine (NE)
<i>Kenneth, Kenneth</i>	East Wisconsin (NC)
<i>Kent, B. B.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Kent, Harry R.</i> (8)	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Kerr, Mrs. Robert L.</i> (7)	Philadelphia (NE)
<i>Kerr, Robert S., Jr.</i> (4)	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Kess, Theodore W.</i>	Washington (C)
<i>Kidd, Charles O.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>King, Carl H.</i> (7)	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>King, Frank C.</i>	Kentucky (SE)
<i>King, John R.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Kinnard, Cannon</i>	Missouri East (SC)
<i>Kirk, Lyle O.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Kirk, R. Luther</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)
<i>Kirk, William Astor</i>	West Texas (C)
<i>Kirkland, H. Burnham</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Kirkpatrick, Dow</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Kitterman, Ralph D.</i>	North Iowa (NC)

Kittrell, Flemme	Baltimore (NE)
Klaus, LeRoy H.	Minnesota (NC)
Knight, George A.	Nebraska (SC)
Knight, Mrs. Howard W. (1)	New Hampshire (NE)
Knox, Kenneth C.	Central Illinois (NC)
Kramer, R. R.	Holston (SE)
Krause, Günter	Northeast Germany (OS)
Kreager, Max W.	South Iowa (NC)
Krueger, Gerald	East Wisconsin (NC)
Kühl, Werner E.	Northwest Germany (OS)
Kuhler, Warren	South Dakota (NC)
Lackey, A. Glenn	Western North Carolina (SE)
Lackland, George S.	Ohio (NC)
Lai, Kam-Hong	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Laice, Ernesto	Southeast Africa (OS)
Lain, T. Leroy	Southwest Texas (SC)
Lambert, Ralph G.	Philadelphia (NE)
Lambertson, J. Paul	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Lance, Joseph R.	Delhi (OS)
Lance, T. Jack (8)	North Georgia (SE)
Lancey, William L.	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Lang, Gilbert C.	Rocky Mountain (W)
Lanius, Paul F. (Deceased)	Tennessee (SE)
LaPoint, Francis	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Large, Dwight S. (6)	Michigan (NC)
Larmonth, W. Glenn	Northern New York (NE)
Larowe, Lawrence	Troy (NE)
Larson, Gunnar E.	Sweden (OS)
Laskey, William J.	Rock River (NC)
Lau, Ngo-Gi	Sarawak (OS)
Law, James G.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Lawshe, Ernest E.	North Indiana (NC)
Laylin, Edward H.	Ohio (NC)
Lee, Andrew	Malaya (OS)
Lee, Knowledge	Central Alabama (C)
Lee, M. E. (2)	North Texas (SC)
Lein, Woldemar L.	Northwest Germany (OS)
Lemons, A. D.	Texas (SC)
Letts, J. Meade	North-East Ohio (NC)
Lewis, Edward B.	Baltimore (NE)
Lewis, Henry H.	South Dakota (NC)
Lewis, Mrs. Hillora R.	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Lewis, Vaughn P.	Ohio (NC)
Lightner, A. LeRoy, Jr.	Philadelphia (NE)
Lim, Swee-Hong	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Lindsey, Julian A.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Lippman, Roland A.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Lipton, Howard	Detroit (NC)
Little, Mrs. Frank	Pacific Northwest (W)
Litwiller, William A.	Rock River (NC)
Lobb, Charles W.	Philadelphia (NE)
Locher, Donald R.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Long, Carroll (8)	Holston (SE)
Long, Kermit L.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Loomis, Lyle	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Lorch, Basil	Indiana (NC)
Lord, Charles E.	California-Nevada (W)
Lord, Kenneth	Virginia (SE)
Love, J. C., Jr.	Louisiana (SC)

<i>Loveland, Laird V.</i>	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Lowden, W. Gordon</i>	Southern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Lowder, W. A.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Lunde, Kaare</i>	Norway (OS)
<i>Lushbough, Mrs. Allen A.</i>	South Dakota (NC)
<i>Lyght, William L. D.</i>	Delaware (C)
<i>Lyman, Charles F.</i>	Troy (NE)
<i>Lytle, D. R.</i>	Missouri East (SC)
<i>Machado, Abel P.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Mackay, James</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Mackey, J. Robert</i>	Peninsula (NE)
<i>Mackey, Joe</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>Maddison, R. W.</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Mallory, R. T.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Malone, Frank D. (4)</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Manhica, Zacarias</i>	Southeast Africa (OS)
<i>Mann, D. Mouzon (Transferred)</i>	Little Rock (SC)
<i>Maness, William H.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Manning, Charles C.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Manning, Hubert V.</i>	South Carolina (C)
<i>Mariano, Roberto</i>	Uruguay (OS)
<i>Marker, Mrs. Bertha</i>	Southern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Marks, Charles H.</i>	Northern New York (NE)
<i>Marsh, Marion</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Marshall, Donald B. (Resigned)</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>Martin, Edward S.</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Martin, Morrill O. (6)</i>	New England Southern (NE)
<i>Martin, S. Walter</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Martin, Stanley H.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Masih, Fazal S.</i>	Indus River (OS)
<i>Mason, Joseph A.</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Massengale, LeRoy</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Massie, Hugh (9)</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Matheny, Thomas H.</i>	Louisiana (SC)
<i>Mathison, H. Paul</i>	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Matthews, Cecil R. (1)</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)
<i>Matthis, Leon C.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Maxwell, Irving W.</i>	Maine (NE)
<i>Mayer, Paul O. (3)</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Mayer, Theodore C.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Mayes, Allen M. (6)</i>	Texas (C)
<i>Mayfield, Robert</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Mayhew, T. W.</i>	Tennessee (SE)
<i>McAdow, Harold M.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>McCall, Kenneth A.</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>McCreless, S. E.</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>McDavid, Harry</i>	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>McDonald, L. R.</i>	Louisville (SE)
<i>McDonald, Morton</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>McDonell, C. Durward</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>McElroy, John A.</i>	Northern New Jersey (NE)
<i>McElvany, W. Harold</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>McFall, Merrill B.</i>	Indiana (NC)
<i>McGiffin, James</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>McGill, Mrs. Kenneth L.</i>	Central Kansas (SC)
<i>McHale, John W.</i>	Oregon (W)
<i>McKean, Maurice D.</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>McKelvey, Paul C.</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>McKinley, Dean</i>	Southern Illinois (NC)

McKinney, Herbert J.	New England Southern (NE)
McKinney, James H.	Louisville (SE)
McLelland, William C.	Mississippi (SE)
McLeod, J. Milburn	Florida (SE)
McPherson, Mrs. Charles C.	New England (NE)
McVeigh, Malcolm	Angola (OS)
Mead, Mrs. Charles W.	Nebraska (SC)
Medlock, Melvin K.	South Carolina (SE)
Mee, Wong Kee	Sarawak (OS)
Meier, Arno	Central Germany (OS)
Melin, Bengt E.	Sweden (OS)
Meredith, Ronald R.	Central Kansas (SC)
Merritt, Kinsey N.	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Meyers, C. Raymond	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Michel, Mabel P. (2)	Southeast Africa (OS)
Michener, Charles V.	Minnesota (NC)
Mick, Hershel	Southern Illinois (NC)
Middaugh, Bruce L.	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Middleton, Samuel T.	South Carolina (C)
Miles, E. Loyal	Central Kansas (SC)
Miller, Alton S.	Peninsula (NE)
Miller, J. Carlisle	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
Miller, Kenneth P.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Miller, R. G.	North Mississippi (SE)
Miller, Richard W.	East Wisconsin (NC)
Miller, W. Jene	Oklahoma (SC)
Miller, Walter J.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Mills, Henry, Jr.	Southwest Texas (SC)
Mims, Elton	Southwest Texas (SC)
Minga, T. Herbert	North Texas (SC)
Mirse, Ralph T.	New England (NE)
Mitchell, Grant E.	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Mitchell, W. C.	South Georgia (SE)
Mitsui, Sam	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
Modisher, Donald E.	Western New York (NE)
Montgomery, Allen D.	North Alabama (SE)
Montgomery, J. C., Jr.	Missouri East (SC)
Mood, Henry	North Texas (SC)
Moody, C. L.	South Carolina (SE)
Moore, A. D.	Texas (SC)
Moore, John V.	California-Nevada (W)
Moore, R. Inman, Sr.	Mississippi (SE)
Moorhead, Frank E.	North Georgia (SE)
Morgan, Miss Wilmoth	Southwest Texas (SC)
Morris, Clarence P.	North Carolina (SE)
Morrison, William W. (7)	North Dakota (NC)
Moses, Elbert R. (4)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Moss, Melvin	Virginia (SE)
Mowry, Olin J.	Northern New York (NE)
Moyer, C. I.	Kansas (SC)
Mucambe, Isabel	Southeast Africa (OS)
Mucambe, Manual M. (7)	Southeast Africa (OS)
Muir, J. Dewey	Central Illinois (NC)
Mujongue, Chadreque	Southeast Africa (OS)
Mukonde, Pinaro	Southern Congo (OS)
Mullick, P. K.	Bengal (OS)
Mullick, P. R.	Bengal (OS)
Mulligan, Robert A.	Rock River (NC)
Mundy, Alfred F.	New Hampshire (NE)
Murray, Alvin C. (Transferred)	North Arkansas (SC)

<i>Murray, Alvin W.</i>	Kansas	(SC)
<i>Musamba, Isaac</i>	Rhodesia	(OS)
<i>Myers, John W.</i>	Virginia	(SE)
<i>Myers, Paul E.</i>	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
<i>Naepil, Emerito</i>	Middle Philippines	(OS)
<i>Nason, Philip S.</i>	Central New York	(NE)
<i>Nath, Revendra V.</i>	Madhya Pradesh	(OS)
<i>Navarrete, Osvaldo</i>	Chile	(OS)
<i>Neel, Harold D.</i>	North Indiana	(NC)
<i>Neeley, Sam, Jr.</i>	Holston	(SE)
<i>Nelson, Harvey A.</i>	North Iowa	(NC)
<i>Nelson, Ira C.</i>	Peninsula	(NE)
<i>Nelson, William L. J.</i>	South Carolina	(C)
<i>Nesaratnam, E. V.</i>	Malaya	(OS)
<i>Nestler, Frank H.</i>	Central Illinois	(NC)
<i>Neto, Felipe K.</i>	Angola	(OS)
<i>Nevin, E. Claud</i>	Alabama-West Florida	(SE)
<i>Newing, Ralph L.</i>	Wyoming	(NE)
<i>Newton, H. E.</i>	Oklahoma	(SC)
<i>Nichols, Ray H.</i>	Northwest Texas	(SC)
<i>Nicholson, R. Herman</i>	Western North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Nicholson, William H., Jr.</i>	South Carolina	(SE)
<i>Nielsen, Robert H.</i>	Denmark	(OS)
<i>Nollenberger, Paul</i>	South Germany	(OS)
<i>Norduft, Sylvester</i>	Missouri East	(SC)
<i>Norris, William S. P.</i>	Louisiana	(C)
<i>North, Jack B.</i>	Central Illinois	(NC)
<i>Norwood, John F.</i>	Central Alabama	(C)
<i>Norwood, June (3)</i>	South Georgia	(SE)
<i>Notgrass, L. Kemper (4)</i>	Tennessee	(SE)
<i>Nowlin, Lee</i>	Northwest Texas	(SC)
<i>Nyberg, Fletcher</i>	Denmark	(OS)
<i>O'Connor, Donald R.</i>	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Odum, Warren G.</i>	Central New York	(NE)
<i>Ogle, William J.</i>	New England	(NE)
<i>Ohlemacher, Burton</i>	North-East Ohio	(NC)
<i>Olivas, Maridoqueo L.</i>	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
<i>Oliver, John H.</i>	Southwest	(C)
<i>Olson, Arnold O.</i>	New York	(NE)
<i>O'Neal, Robert J. (4)</i>	Louisiana	(SC)
<i>Ong, Chaik-Ghee</i>	Malaya	(OS)
<i>Osgood, Mrs. Lee</i>	South Dakota	(NC)
<i>Overhulser, William F.</i>	South Iowa	(NC)
<i>Owens, James G.</i>	West Texas	(C)
<i>Ozment, Mildred</i>	North Arkansas	(SC)
<i>Pacetti, Madison F. (4)</i>	Florida	(SE)
<i>Padua, Pacifico L.</i>	Mindanao	(OS)
<i>Page, Jack W.</i>	North Carolina	(SE)
<i>Pagura, F. J.</i>	Argentina	(OS)
<i>Palmer, Mrs. Walter B.</i>	Peninsula	(NE)
<i>Panzer, Robert A.</i>	California-Nevada	(W)
<i>Parker, Robert P. (1)</i>	Virginia	(SE)
<i>Parmar, Rameshchandra E.</i>	Gujarat	(OS)
<i>Parrott, Glenn R.</i>	South Iowa	(NC)
<i>Pascual, Crisolito S.</i>	Philippines	(OS)
<i>Patterson, Gordon A.</i>	Montana	(W)
<i>Patton, Wendell M.</i>	Western North Carolina	(SE)

Payne, Bert E.	Central Kansas	(SC)
Peace, J. R.	Texas	(SC)
Peacock, Allen A.	Central Texas	(SC)
Pengra, Ray (1)	North Dakota	(NC)
Perkins, Rual T.	Louisville	(SE)
Persons, William R.	Rocky Mountain	(W)
Peterson, Will J., Jr.	South Georgia	(SE)
Petterson, Clarence H.	North Iowa	(NC)
Pettijohn, Rex	Oklahoma	(SC)
Pettus, William F.	Kentucky	(SE)
Pfeiffer, Mrs. Alvin B.	Rock River	(NC)
Phelps, William R. (2)	Virginia	(SE)
Phillips, Charles W., Sr.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Phipps, Don	Pacific Northwest	(W)
Pierce, Robert B.	Rock River	(NC)
Pierce, Wade H.	North Carolina	(SE)
Pieters, André J.	Belgium	(OS)
Pinnell, Robert W. (Tsf. out of Conf.)	South Iowa	(NC)
Pinson, Clarence M.	North Alabama	(SE)
Pitt, Thomas A. (Deceased)	Louisiana	(SC)
Pittard, Grady C., Jr. (5)	North Georgia	(SE)
Ploughe, Joseph S.	Central Kansas	(SC)
Poor, George L.	Pacific Northwest	(W)
Pope, Joseph W.	Virginia	(SE)
Porter, Edward H.	Baltimore	(NE)
Porter, Harold T.	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
Porter, R. Frank	Holston	(SE)
Porterfield, A. R.	Virginia	(SE)
Post, John E.	New England Southern	(NE)
Potts, J. Manning	Virginia	(SE)
Powell, Bradford B.	Missouri East	(SC)
Powers, Jeanne A.	Minnesota	(NC)
Powers, R. H.	Holston	(SE)
Powers, Mrs. R. H.	Holston	(SE)
Price, Bill	North Carolina	(SE)
Price, Orville B.	Western New York	(NE)
Prieser, Michael	South Germany	(OS)
Puckett, L. G., Sr.	Tennessee	(SE)
Pulgar, José S.	Chile	(OS)
Pullen, Mrs. Richard G.	Virginia	(SE)
Purdham, Charles B.	Minnesota	(NC)
Radford, Thomas	Ohio	(NC)
Radha Krishan, John	Moradabad	(OS)
Ragland, James (8)	Detroit	(NC)
Ragsdale, Paul W.	Southern Illinois	(NC)
Rainwater, Henry	North Arkansas	(SC)
Ramer, Lloyd W.	Memphis	(SE)
Rankin, Harry V.	Texas	(SC)
Rasche, William C.	Rock River	(NC)
Rathod, Rajji M.	Gujarat	(OS)
Rawlings, John A.	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
Ray, Grover (8)	Alabama-West Florida	(SE)
Ray, Laurie G. (Deceased)	Florida	(SE)
Rayburn, Russell H.	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
Redmond, Donald E.	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Reeves, Richard E. (1)	Central Illinois	(NC)
Rehm, Mrs. Henry	North Indiana	(NC)
Reynolds, Paul	Western Pennsylvania	(NE)
Reynolds, S. Wayne	Central Texas	(SC)

<i>Rhew, Marshall E.</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)
<i>Rice, Spencer M. (1)</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Rich, Robert F.</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Richard, Stiles</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>Rico Soltero, Tomás</i>	Puerto Rico Provisional (NE)
<i>Riddle, Earl W. (5)</i>	Idaho (W)
<i>Rider, Walter B.</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Ridout, Daniel L.</i>	Delaware (C)
<i>Rief, D. Robert</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Rigg, Maynard</i>	Central Illinois (NC)
<i>Riggin, E. Cranston</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Riley, W. Compton</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Robbins, Carl M.</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>Roberts, George C.</i>	New England (NE)
<i>Robison, Frank</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Rodrigues, Antonio</i>	Southeast Africa (OS)
<i>Rodrigues, Miss Deolinda</i>	Angola (OS)
<i>Rogers, Cornish R.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Rogers, Vance D.</i>	Nebraska (SC)
<i>Rohlf, Claus H.</i>	Southwest Texas (SC)
<i>Root, Robert C.</i>	Western New York (NE)
<i>Root, Mrs. Robert C.</i>	Western New York (NE)
<i>Rosell, Paul</i>	Sweden (OS)
<i>Ross, Mrs. Martha</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Rouch, Mark A.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Rowland, Perry A.</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Ruark, Henry G.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Rumble, Lester</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Rundle, Foster</i>	Central Kansas (SC)
<i>Russell, Donald S.</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Russell, Leon</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Rutland, John E.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Rutland, Mrs. R. Eugene</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Rutledge, Blanche (2)</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Ruud-Hansen, Willy</i>	Norway (OS)
<i>Saermark, Johannes</i>	Denmark (OS)
<i>Sale, Harold R.</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>Samson, S. D.</i>	Delhi (OS)
<i>Sansano, Lauro O.</i>	Middle Philippines (OS)
<i>Sasaki, James K.</i>	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
<i>Scarborough, Gilbert S., Jr.</i>	Peninsula (NE)
<i>Schellhammer, Emil</i>	South Germany (OS)
<i>Schlicher, Raymond J.</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Schmidtke, Benjamin L.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Schneidereit, Harry</i>	Northeast Germany (OS)
<i>Schoen, Joseph</i>	Northwest Indiana (NC)
<i>Schubert, Milton V., Jr.</i>	North Indiana (NC)
<i>Schupp, Oscar (4)</i>	Missouri East (SC)
<i>Schuyler, Peter V. R. (Deceased)</i>	Northern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Schweickhard, Dean M.</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Schwein, W. Merlin</i>	Indiana (NC)
<i>Scotland, John R.</i>	Liberia (OS)
<i>Serimshire, Joe B.</i>	New Mexico (SC)
<i>Seabrook, John J.</i>	West Texas (C)
<i>Sears, Fred R. (S)</i>	Central New York (NE)
<i>Sears, Hayden S.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Seay, Edward W.</i>	Northern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Seay, John W.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Sebert, Lowell E.</i>	West Virginia (NE)

Secrest, Elmer S.	Louisville (SE)
Secrest, W. Vann	Western North Carolina (SE)
Seiler, Ralph H.	New Mexico (SC)
Sessions, Cleo C.	Central Texas (SC)
Settle, Frank A.	Holston (SE)
Seymour, Everett K.	Detroit (NC)
Seymour, W. M.	Holston (SE)
Shaffer, Frank L.	West Virginia (NE)
Sherrod, C. C.	Holston (SE)
Shimoguchi, Al	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
Shipp, Ronald (3)	Missouri East (SC)
Shipp, Thomas J. (9)	North Texas (SC)
Shives, Jack (8)	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Siau, Boon-Chong	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Sikes, John M.	Florida (SE)
Silva, Domingos da	Angola (OS)
Simms, Mrs. Jack	North Texas (SC)
Simon, Leslie E. (3)	East Wisconsin (NC)
Simpson, Charles E.	Oklahoma (SC)
Singh, Joseph G.	North India (OS)
Sissell, Spencer W.	Mississippi (SE)
Slack, Albert L.	Ohio (NC)
Slade, Thomas H.	Florida (SE)
Sloane, Bentley	Louisiana (SC)
Smedley, J. M.	Florida (SE)
Smith, Bill Morgan	North Texas (SC)
Smith, Chester A.	New York (NE)
Smith, Earnest A.	Upper Mississippi (C)
Smith, H. Travers	Maine (NE)
Smith, Hampden H.	Virginia (SE)
Smith, Hampton D.	South Carolina (C)
Smith, J. Roy	Virginia (SE)
Smith, Phillips B.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Smith, Mrs. R. K.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Smith, R. Stewart	Mississippi (SE)
Smith, Rudolph H.	South Carolina (SE)
Smith, Russell (1)	North Texas (SC)
Smith, W. Jasper	North Carolina (SE)
Smith, W. Walter	Western North Carolina (SE)
Smith, Walter A.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Smith, William B.	Florida (SE)
Smoot, Jewell M. (5)	Detroit (NC)
Snively, Guy	Baltimore (NE)
Snow, Dudley V.	Louisiana (SC)
Snyder, Merle K.	Central Kansas (SC)
Soans, Simson D.	Delhi (OS)
Soi, Yu Teck (6)	Sarawak (OS)
Somers, Howard B. (3)	Oregon (W)
Sorenson, Wallace G.	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Soule, Zilla	Madhya Pradesh (OS)
Sousa, Mrs. Bernarda da	Angola (OS)
Spahr, David, Jr.	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Spencer, Isaac	Delhi (OS)
Spencer, Mrs. Paul (7)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Staats, Everett H.	South Iowa (NC)
Stainton, Howard S.	Southern New Jersey (NE)
Stanger, Frank B.	Southern New Jersey (NE)
Stanley, C. Maxwell	South Iowa (NC)
Stanley, Osso W. (Deceased)	Kentucky (SE)
Stansbury, William B.	Baltimore (NE)

Starr, Mrs. Helen	Baltimore (NE)
Stauffer, Paul A.	New Hampshire (NE)
Steed, George V.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Steele, William S.	Holston (SE)
Stephenson, Charles	Texas (SC)
Stephenson, Sheldon B.	Central New York (NE)
Stevenson, Thomas F.	North Alabama (SE)
Stewart, M. Buren	New Mexico (SC)
Stimmel, Howard L.	Troy (NE)
Stith, Frank A., Jr.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Stoetzer, Karl S. (4)	Northeast Germany (OS)
Stokes, James C.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Stoll, Allyn J.	Western New York (NE)
Stoneburner, Charles W.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Stover, Earl	California-Nevada (W)
Stover, Mrs. Warren, Jr.	Kansas (SC)
Strader, V. B.	Missouri East (SC)
Strickland, W. Earl	North Georgia (SE)
Stringer, Monroe T., Jr.	Louisiana (C)
Strosahl, M. Stanford	East Wisconsin (NC)
Sumner, Maurice H.	California-Nevada (W)
Susag, M. Philip	New England Southern (NE)
Swan, Lowell B.	Rocky Mountain (W)
Swango, Ola H. (Deceased)	North Mississippi (SE)
Sweazy, Albert W.	Kentucky (SE)
Sweet, Charles R. (6)	Minnesota (NC)
Sykes, W. Clyde	Northern New York (NE)
Tamkin, Raymon (5)	Virginia (SE)
Tan, Phek-Giok	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Tanner, E. A. (Deceased)	North Mississippi (SE)
Tanner, H. Wallace (7)	Memphis (SE)
Tate, John B., Sr.	North Georgia (SE)
Tate, Robert S., Jr.	Southwest Texas (SC)
Taylor, Arthur M. (9)	South Carolina (SE)
Taylor, Ben J.	South Iowa (NC)
Taylor, Daniel E.	Oregon (W)
Taylor, George B.	Central Kansas (SC)
Taylor, Kenneth A.	Central New York (NE)
Taylor, Ralph H.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Taylor, Walter S.	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Tecson, Vicente B.	Northwest Philippines (OS)
Templin, Frank M.	Indiana (NC)
Thomas, H. Ellis	Southwest Texas (SC)
Thomas, Robert B.	Troy (NE)
Thomason, Elmo A. (Transferred)	North Arkansas (SC)
Thompson, Claude H.	Florida (SE)
Thompson, R. Franklin	Pacific Northwest (W)
Thornal, Campbell	Florida (SE)
Thorp, Ernest	Central Illinois (NC)
Thurman, Arthur V. (2)	California-Nevada (W)
Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount (7)	Tennessee (SE)
Tillmon, Mrs. C. G. (4)	Southwest (C)
Tink, Edmund L.	Northern New Jersey (NE)
Toledo, Reynaldo	Cuba (SE)
Tolley, Earl V.	Wyoming (NE)
Tombaugh, Reid R.	Central Illinois (NC)
Townley, Hugh S.	Detroit (NC)
Townsend, Harrell A.	Memphis (SE)
Townsend, Robert L. (6)	Nebraska (SC)

<i>Townsend, Samuel L.</i>	North Carolina (C)
<i>Trautwein, George C.</i>	Kentucky (SE)
<i>Traylor, Henderson</i>	North Georgia (SE)
<i>Tripp, Donald A.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Trotter, F. Thomas</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Trout, Mrs. Robert</i>	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Truza, Mrs. Verla</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Turbeville, M. L.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Turner, Barty A.</i>	Agra (OS)
<i>Turner, James W.</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Tuttle, Mark Q.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Tweedy, Mansfield</i>	New Mexico (SC)
<i>Tyson, Vernon C.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Ukunda, André</i>	Central Congo (OS)
<i>Un, Bonn-Chong</i>	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
<i>Underwood, Sam B., Jr.</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Uphoff, Robert A.</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Uranga, Juan V.</i>	Rio Grande (SC)
<i>Usher, Worthie K.</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Vallette, Samuel</i>	Chile (OS)
<i>Vallow, J. N.</i>	Southern Illinois (NC)
<i>Van Brunt, F. Norman</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Vanderbilt, Chester W.</i>	Troy (NE)
<i>Van Ornum, Carlton G.</i>	Northern New York (NE)
<i>Varnell, Sam N., Jr.</i>	Holston (SE)
<i>Vaughan, Mrs. Louise C. (1)</i>	Central West (C)
<i>Vaught, Charles</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Veale, William H.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Venable, Fred C.</i>	Rocky Mountain (W)
<i>Vennon, Edward J.</i>	Northwest Indiana (NC)
<i>Vereen, Mrs. L. C. (5)</i>	North Carolina (SE)
<i>Wagner, Robert H.</i>	South Dakota (NC)
<i>Wahrenbrock, Lester G.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Waid, L. P.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Walker, Carl E.</i>	California-Nevada (W)
<i>Walker, Daniel D.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Walker, E. C.</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Walker, Marion R. (8)</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)
<i>Walker, Morris D.</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Wallace, A. P.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Walton, W. Carl</i>	Northern New Jersey (NE)
<i>Walton, Wilbur L.</i>	Alabama-West Florida (SE)
<i>Ward, A. Sterling</i>	Missouri West (SC)
<i>Ware, H. Melton</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>Warne, A. Harry</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Warren, Ed</i>	Tennessee (SE)
<i>Warren, Mrs. Ruth</i>	Indiana (NC)
<i>Washington, Mrs. C. G.</i>	Southwest (C)
<i>Washington, John R.</i>	East Tennessee (C)
<i>Waters, Mrs. Helen C.</i>	Delaware (C)
<i>Watts, Ewart G.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Weatherwax, Russell S.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Weaver, Bruce</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Weaver, Guy</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Weaver, Harold R.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Webb, James C.</i>	Delaware (C)
<i>Webb, Julian</i>	South Georgia (SE)

<i>Webba, Julião</i>	Angola (OS)
<i>Wedemeyer, Mrs. B. B.</i>	Central Texas (SC)
<i>Weisshaar, Gilbert A.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Wells, Mrs. Harry A.</i>	Southern Illinois (NC)
<i>West, R. I.</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Westenberger, W. C. (3)</i>	Tennessee (SE)
<i>Westerberg, Wesley M.</i>	Rock River (NC)
<i>Wethers, Carl T.</i>	Louisiana (C)
<i>Wheeler, Gordon B.</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>Whitaker, George W., Jr.</i>	South Carolina (SE)
<i>White, Mrs. E. B.</i>	Florida (SE)
<i>White, E. McKinnon</i>	New England Southern (NE)
<i>White, W. Frank</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Whitener, H. D.</i>	Western North Carolina (SE)
<i>Whiting, Thomas A. (Left Conf.)</i>	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Whitner, Marvin B.</i>	Louisville (SE)
<i>Whitson, S. A.</i>	Minnesota (NC)
<i>Wiant, Howard J.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Wieland, Mrs. Ada K.</i>	Uruguay (OS)
<i>Wiggins, M. Edwin</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Wilburn, L. Oakey (Deceased)</i>	Virginia (SE)
<i>Wilcox, Mrs. Katherine W. (9)</i>	Michigan (NC)
<i>Wilkes, Bryan</i>	Holston (SE)
<i>Wilkie, Mrs. John B.</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Williams, Charles S. (Deceased)</i>	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
<i>Williams, Charles S.</i>	Northern New York (NE)
<i>Williams, Dan H. (2)</i>	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Williams, Foster J.</i>	Western New York (NE)
<i>Williams, John L.</i>	North-East Ohio (NC)
<i>Williams, Paul V.</i>	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Williams, Roscoe C.</i>	Washington (C)
<i>Williams, Roy D., Sr.</i>	Memphis (SE)
<i>Williams, T. Poe</i>	Oklahoma (SC)
<i>Williams, W. Leslie</i>	Detroit (NC)
<i>Willis, Walter R.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Willson, James M., Jr.</i>	Northwest Texas (SC)
<i>Wilson, Bruce M.</i>	South Georgia (SE)
<i>Wilson, Earl</i>	Mississippi (SE)
<i>Wilson, James</i>	South Iowa (NC)
<i>Wilson, Ronald (Deceased)</i>	North Iowa (NC)
<i>Wilson, Mrs. Virginia M.</i>	Moradabad (OS)
<i>Wilson, W. E.</i>	Georgia (C)
<i>Windham, L. B.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Windham, W. C.</i>	Texas (SC)
<i>Winefordner, Clifford H.</i>	North Alabama (SE)
<i>Winn, Maurice L.</i>	Southern Illinois (NC)
<i>Winton, Mrs. Frank W.</i>	New York (NE)
<i>Wirth, J. C.</i>	Argentina (OS)
<i>Wischmeier, A. C.</i>	Pacific Northwest (W)
<i>Wisler, C. A.</i>	Kansas (SC)
<i>Witzel, Hans</i>	Central Germany (OS)
<i>Wolter, Louis R.</i>	Ohio (NC)
<i>Wong, Hoon-Hee</i>	Malaya (OS)
<i>Wong, Yeng-Choon</i>	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
<i>Wood, George S.</i>	Louisville (SE)
<i>Woodfield, William R.</i>	Baltimore (NE)
<i>Woods, William A.</i>	West Virginia (NE)
<i>Woolpert, Mrs. D. Guy</i>	North Indiana (NC)
<i>Worley, W. Paul</i>	Holston (SE)
<i>Wright, A. A.</i>	Southern California-Arizona (W)

Wright, Charles P.	Indiana (NC)
Wright, James W.	Michigan (NC)
Wusterbarth, Harold J.	Troy (NE)
Wynne, David J.	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
Yamashita, John H.	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
Yeatts, Ernest	Holston (SE)
Yielding, Newman M.	North Alabama (SE)
Young, Damon P.	Lexington (C)
Young, J. T.	North Mississippi (SE)
Yunker, Robert J.	North Indiana (NC)
Zentz, Franklin M.	Western New York (NE)
Ziegler, George G., Jr.	Philadelphia (NE)
Zoller, Lloyd C.	Ohio (NC)
Zook, D. Arthur	Central Kansas (SC)

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER, 1964

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Following the traditional custom, the presentation of the Episcopal Address was made on the opening day of the General Conference. The Bishop who writes and delivers the address is chosen by ballot by the Council of Bishops. The entire Council carefully reviews the address and it is signed by each Bishop.

The Episcopal Address was read by Bishop Roy H. Short, Tuesday morning, November 8, 1966.

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Dear Fathers and Brethren :

In accordance with long established Methodist usage, once again as your servants, we greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and share with you some of our present concerns. With you, we hold that the church of which we are all a part is Christ's church and not ours. With you, we are confident that as the Lord of the church He forever continues to make known His will concerning it. And with you, we share the profound conviction that the first responsibility of the church in every hour of its life is to respond with glad obedience to the leading of His Spirit as it is able to discover that leading.

We are assembled here by the order of the last General Conference to give attention to certain plans and proposals which have now been matured for our consideration by properly designated bodies. As always we meet against the backdrop of current history. The deep crisis of this particular hour in the total life of all the world, the wave of the future which seeks expression in countless new forms on every hand, and the mounting hunger among the followers of Christ for genuine spiritual renewal and for more evident unity, all have marked overtones for us and speak with pronounced pertinence to us.

What is immediately before us as we assemble here is essentially a single decision—the decision as to whether we shall take for Methodism at this General Conference the first constitutional step toward uniting The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

There are many possible ramifications of the decision now to be made, but basically it is a single decision—to unite or not to unite. In this respect, this 1966 special session differs radically from regular sessions of the General Conference. In such sessions normally we have almost countless issues and proposals before us, related to every area of the church's life; but in this session according to the decision of the Judicial Council, unless the General Conference by deliberate action widens the scope of matters to be considered, we have but a single decision facing us.

The 1964 General Conference authorized the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations to submit to this 1966 Conference a progress report, pending its final report to the General Conference of 1968. This report is designed to make available, as the Plan of Union is considered, important information regarding progress to date in the effort to elimi-

nate segregation from the structure of the church. It will also, so we understand, bring to this special session of the General Conference recommendations for additional action between now and 1968 which would both eliminate the Central Jurisdiction, and set in motion a program designed to remove other structural racial separateness from the polity of The Methodist Church or the new united church.

As we now come as a church to a momentous time of decision, we find ourselves living first of all with decisions taken by our fathers in both churches a century and a half ago, and by subsequent generations in both bodies across the intervening years. This is to be expected for life is so interwoven that the current generation forever finds itself living with the decisions of yesterday; and tomorrow's generations cannot now escape from the decisions made by those of us who occupy the stage of life today. It is no mere accident of ecclesiastical history that The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church should at this relatively late hour be considering the possibility of union. The two churches in their beginning days in the United States were largely affected by the same Evangelical Revival. The general faith which they professed; the practices of personal piety which they inculcated; the strong emphasis which was theirs upon evangelism and conversion, and upon Christian growth and faithfulness in good works; and even the broad forms of church government followed, were all essentially alike. The leaders of both churches in the pioneer period were intimate friends and willing co-laborers.

Three decisions were made in those earlier years, which, despite the natural closeness of the three groups eventuated in three separate denominations. One was the decision of the followers of Otterbein and of his fellow-evangelist, Martin Boehm, to form the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. The second was that of the followers of Jacob Albright to form The Evangelical Association. The third was the personal decision of Asbury that Methodism at the particular time could not afford to undertake work among German-speaking immigrants. All three decisions came near the opening of the nineteenth century. If Asbury and other Methodist leaders, sensing the need of the then large and growing number of German immigrants in America, had dared to move in upon this need, as indeed Methodism did within only thirty years, Evangelicals, United Brethren and Methodists might long ago have become one church. Subsequent decisions of the Evangelical Association and the United Brethren Church to expand their work, organize conferences, and establish denominational agencies and institutions created two virile denominations which united in 1946 to

form the Evangelical United Brethren Church as we now know it. For over a century these churches carried on their work primarily among German immigrants and their descendents and used the German language in their services and in their publications. For some fifty years now, this practice has been largely abandoned. With the language feature discarded, the Evangelical United Brethren Church has operated very much like other churches in the general stream of evangelical Protestantism, with strong similarity to The Methodist Church in spirit, in emphasis, and in practice.

These decisions taken by our fathers across the years account for the situation in which we find ourselves today, of being two churches so alike in so many particulars, operating so largely in common territory, confronted alike by the overwhelming issues of our day, and yet organically divided.

Again as we come to a time of decision in this General Conference, we find ourselves not only dealing with decisions made in the yesterdays; but also facing a situation where decisions made now are necessarily vitally and inextricably related to the future on-going life of both churches considering union. Whatever is decided in the two General Conferences meeting simultaneously in this city must obviously greatly affect both churches in practical ways in the years immediately ahead, and even in the far tomorrows. Consciously or unconsciously by what we choose to do here we chart our course as churches for long days ahead.

It is to be kept in mind faithfully that the decision which we now make, once it is made, must be one which we are able to square both with our traditional attitude of open-mindedness to fellowship as Methodists, and with our best current ecumenical thinking. From the beginning, Methodism has been disposed to join hands with all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. Officially it has unchurched no other church, regarded no other ministry as invalid, refused to repudiate the baptism of other churches, and excluded none from the Lord's table. With such an attitude marking it generally across the years Methodism finds itself given to a natural predisposition at least to consider union with other Christian groups. When these groups are strongly in the evangelical tradition this predisposition is necessarily all the more pronounced.

The disposition of open-mindedness toward other Christian groups is not only traditional among Methodists, but it is also a distinguishing mark of Methodism as a whole in the present hour. The ecumenical spirit does not prevail uniformly among us either as clergy or laity, but it does mark us generally as a people. As a church, we are by tradition and

choice in the main stream of the ecumenical movement, participating fully in both national and world conciliar movements. Moreover, we are seriously engaged at present, at least officially, in several pending considerations of further church unions. This does not mean that we have no questions to ask about any particular union scheme, or that we favor the idea of church union so strongly that we could accept such upon the basis of the least common denominator, or the surrender of what we honestly deem vital and precious for the total life of the church. But it does mean that as a people we are by tradition and general current thinking among us, committed to the greater unity of the church in spirit, and in such new concrete forms as conscience and our best wisdom may dictate.

The decision which we are called upon to make here is one in which the entire Christian world, as well as ourselves, has some stake. The day has come when the churches of the world, sympathetically and actually, are bound up in a bundle of life together as never before in history. As no man lives unto himself so also no church, particularly in a day like this day, can live unto itself. What happens in any one church or in several churches necessarily affects other churches. It is only to be expected, therefore, that the eyes of much of the Christian world should be fixed upon our friends of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and upon us just now. In some cases, this concentration of attention may represent little more than a casual interest; but for others it will represent a fresh serious weighing of whether it is true, as is often affirmed, that the approach to greater unity in the body of Christ is first of all by way of so-called family church unions. Moreover there will also be those who will evaluate the practical proposals for the accomplishment of Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren union, particularly if it is approved, for what they may have to suggest to other churches now engaged in union considerations or contemplating such.

The decision which we now face is surely no easy one. It is, therefore, a decision to be made soberly, prayerfully, deliberately and in the exercise of the greatest wisdom which it is ours as a General Conference to command.

What is immediately before us at this hour of decision is a suggested Constitution for the new church, accompanied by a proposed *Discipline*, and certain Enabling Legislation designed to make the transition from the churches as we now know them to the new church that is to be. As bishops of the Church we would seek to keep clear what is now actually before the General Conference and to make certain observations in connection therewith.

What is specifically before us is first of all a Constitution. It contains many features long familiar to us as Methodists; and indeed in broad outline follows our own Constitution, particularly with reference to its basic legislative, judicial, and executive features. Nevertheless it is in fact intended to be a Constitution for a new church and properly should be so regarded, if it is to be assessed accurately. In all the Union negotiations thus far the position taken by the negotiators has been that what we are seeking is not merger but a true union in which the two former churches shall indeed become one new church, however strong the resemblance to either or both the former churches may be. It is this position that accounts largely for the decision that the very name chosen for the united church should carry at least some measure of suggestion that the united church is in actual fact meant to be a truly new church.

Beyond doubt what is now before us is not something for which perfection can be claimed. This is true of both the proposed Constitution and the suggested *Discipline*. The responsible committees have labored long and arduously and have reached their conclusions upon the basis of their best judgment, but they would be the first to agree that what they have been able to produce is but an imperfect instrument. As bishops of the Church we also are quite conscious that perfection cannot be claimed for this proposed Plan of Union. We hold honest differences of opinion among ourselves as to what its imperfections are and likewise as to their number and their seriousness. Nevertheless, we are agreed that it should not be expected that an instrument designed primarily to bring the new church into being should promise to guarantee at once the nearer perfect church about which all of us in our best moments fondly dream. Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren union, as such, can scarcely be expected to afford an immediate remedy for all that may be wrong with either church structurally or otherwise. What is before us now is actually only a means of taking for both churches a next step toward becoming the church nearer approximating perfection which both uniting churches would like to become. The tomorrows, beginning even with the 1968 General Conference, if union is approved, will have their own significant and particular contribution to make also toward the continual building of a more ideal church, and we shall forever have before us as a church the obligation to go on to perfection.

Furthermore, Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren union, in and of itself, cannot be expected to be a cure-all for all the present ills of either The Methodist Church or the Evangelical United Brethren Church. There are some things

that its approval will not and cannot do. It will not automatically infuse a new spirit within us. It will not guarantee the writing of a more worthy evangelistic record upon the part of the two churches, or move us suddenly toward a more adequate expression of what should be our basic concern for a better society. Conceivably, it may put us in better position for exercising our God-given mission in this serious day in the world's life—but it cannot of itself guarantee a more genuine and more complete commitment to mission upon the part of us all.

Let it also be remembered, that what is before us is not the ultimate expression of our ecumenical concern as either Methodists or Evangelical United Brethren. Where our ecumenical commitment either as The Methodist Church as a whole, or as any of its present component parts scattered over the world, may finally lead is for the unfolding tomorrow yet to make clear. The current Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren proposals are not intended to be a substitute for present or future participation in larger ecumenical involvement, and they need in no sense prove a handicap to such. Indeed, they may be aids.

As general superintendents of the church, we judge it our duty to call attention to certain specific features of the proposed Constitution and the accompanying suggested *Discipline*, which should be carefully considered and assessed as the General Conference now attempts to reach its decision.

The directives of the *Discipline* with reference to the episcopacy, and the obligations assumed by us all in those services wherein we were consecrated to this office, make it the duty of the general superintendents to defend the doctrines of the Church, to be faithful in administering its polity, and to oversee its spiritual and temporal welfare. In line with these responsibilities which the Church has laid upon us, and which we have willingly assumed for ourselves, we would comment specifically upon the proposed Union.

We would call specific attention first of all to the provisions of the Plan of Union with reference to the Articles of Religion. The proposal is that the articles of faith of both churches, as now stated, shall become the combined Articles of Faith of the new church. Both sets of articles are to be printed in the *Discipline* and are to be a part of the Constitution, subject to amendment by due constitutional process. In essence, the articles of faith of the two uniting churches are much alike though stated in different wording. Both are in the main stream of the Protestant and Wesleyan traditions.

As far as The Methodist Church is concerned, the doctrines of the church are not confined to the Articles of Reli-

gion which are a part of our present Constitution, and which are embodied also in the proposed Constitution of the new church. The faith reflected in these particular articles is a faith which we share in common with many others in the general Protestant tradition. But in addition there is for us a strong core of belief which we have long held dear as a people which is represented by what may be termed traditional Methodist emphases. These emphases comprise the faith by which as a people we have lived and continued to live. They are the traditional Methodist emphases upon personal redemption, including conversion, growth in grace and Christian assurance; upon acceptance of nothing less than perfection in love as the Christian's ultimate goal; upon the necessity for disciplined living and the constantly examined life, and upon the imperative that faith must manifest itself in concrete Christian social action.

These traditional Methodist emphases found expression in the sermons of John Wesley and particularly in his *Notes on the New Testament*. These, while representing no attempt at a structured theology, do set forth an interpretation of Scripture and an approach to life which is distinctive, basically unified, and of particularly strong appeal.

These traditional Methodist emphases are to be found likewise in the hymnology of Methodism, beginning with the hymns of Charles Wesley in which all the basic notes of the Methodist revival find vivid expression; and continuing across the years in the songs of others in the same tradition. Methodists have always been a singing people, and the songs which they have loved and employed have been for them actually a glad confession of their faith.

These traditional emphases of Methodism across the years are likewise to be seen in the preaching that has thundered from its pulpits, the writings of its scholars, the functional design of its structure, the multiplicity of its activities, and the simple unaffected testimonies of its people to the faith that is in their hearts.

If the union now before us should be consummated, none of this heritage is hazarded, for our Evangelical United Brethren friends stand in the same spiritual succession so far as emphases are concerned, and in the opinion of some, have remained nearer to their original moorings than has our own Methodist Church as a whole.

It is our conviction that if the consideration of union forces us as Methodists to reexamine our doctrinal heritage until we become freshly aware of its significance, and it becomes alive again for us as a people, the effect will be salutary indeed. The meaningfulness of a doctrinal heritage cannot be guaranteed for a people by articles of faith em-

bodied in a constitution difficult to alter. Such meaningfulness can be assured for them only as the heritage represents their own faith also, and is written upon the fleshly tablets of their hearts.

It should be further added that the combining in the Plan of Union of the present Articles of Faith of the two uniting churches need not necessarily be binding upon the united church for all time to come. The present arrangement is but a starting arrangement based upon the strong similarity already obtaining in the present articles of the uniting churches. This portion of the Constitution, like any other, may be amended by due constitutional process as the united church of the future may determine, should it choose to attempt to write a new expression of the faith of the church. The process for such amendment represents no restrictions beyond those under which we now stand with regard to the possible alteration of our Articles of Religion.

As bishops of the church we are further pledged to be faithful in administering the polity of the church. This does not imply that the polity of Methodism should be guarded carefully against all change, either by the bishops or by anyone else. This has never been our position as a church. In fact, we have made changes in our legislation at every General Conference since the beginning. Thus we have modified our polity from time to time, but generally speaking its essential structure has remained. To this essential structure we as the bishops of the Church are strongly committed, for we believe that it has stood the test of time, of workability, and of the achievement of significant results. We feel it our duty therefore, to comment upon the proposed Constitution and *Discipline* as they may promise to affect the polity with which we have long been familiar. We note that the basic features of Methodist polity such as the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conference systems; the episcopacy; the itinerant appointive arrangement; the judiciary; and the provisions for the work of the church to be administered by General Conference boards and agencies, are all maintained in the proposed plan. That these basic features of Methodist polity should be retained in the united church does not represent, as may be easily assumed by some, an attempt upon the part of a larger group involved in union to dictate to the smaller group. The fact of the matter is that in basic structure the two groups considering union are already so alike that in the union no radical departure from such basic structure is involved for either church. There are points of detail where sometimes the Methodist pattern is followed such as life episcopacy and the appointive district superintendency; and others where the Evangelical United Brethren pattern

is followed such as the Local Church Program Council, Membership and Task Groups in the local church, the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relationships, and the spelling out of the duties of church members.

In line with our historic obligation as bishops to oversee the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Church, we have given careful and detailed attention to the proposed Union, and have sought conscientiously to assess what it may promise for the future welfare of the church. Actually what any plan of church organization and structure promises for the future of the church must of necessity depend upon what use is made of it. This is true of our Methodist structure as it is now, or as we may choose to alter it; and it is likewise true with reference to the proposed structure for the new church. Not all of us are agreed as to exactly what the proposed union may be expected to contribute to the welfare of the church, either to that of the two uniting churches or to Christendom as a whole. But, acknowledge together what would appear to be some promise thereby of positive contribution to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the church and the community.

There are certain sections of the church, particularly in those states once having large segments of German-speaking population, where for a century and more the two churches have operated side by side. In many communities, both churches have been represented by weak and to some extent ineffective units. Union might conceivably open the way for great improvement in hundreds of local situations of this character, eliminating present competition, doing away with the overlapping of ministries, and in some cases making possible the merger of our combination into circuits of many smaller churches in the same general geographic areas which are now, with few exceptions, totally unrelated to each other.

Likewise in places other than the United States where the two denominations are at work, union conceivably might represent great gain. This is especially true in Europe, particularly in Germany and Switzerland where both groups are now relatively strong, and where union would doubtless mean a free church of unusual strength.

In countries such as the Philippines where The Methodist Church has operated upon a Central Conference basis and where the Evangelical United Brethren Church has operated as part of a United Church, it is anticipated that no alteration in either pattern is immediately demanded.

In countries such as Sierra Leone and Canada where of the uniting churches only the Evangelical United Brethren Church now operates, the decision to go into United

Churches in those lands or to be a part of the United Church is left with the conferences and missions immediately concerned.

It should be further observed that the Evangelical United Brethren Church represents no inconsiderable resources in the form of numerical strength, ministerial and lay leadership, and property holdings and institutions; but we deliberately omit this consideration in our attempt to assess what union may promise for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the churches concerned. We are convinced, as we are sure our Evangelical United Brethren brethren are convinced, that the mere uniting of assets can not make for a truly greater church.

This much we know as we assemble in this Conference of 1966.

We know that as a Church we are called to mission. This has long been our conviction as Methodists. The term "called to mission" is one which has become widely popular in late days—but the idea of such a call to mission coming continually to the people of God has been one which Methodists essentially have accepted from the beginning. They have traditionally thought of Christian privilege as in turn involving Christian responsibility. They have looked upon Christian activism, not as some cheap would-be substitute for faith but as the natural fruit of a genuine faith. In its finest hours, Methodism has had about it something of the marching of banners and the sounding of trumpets and has acknowledged it as its God-given task to reform the continents and to spread scriptural holiness throughout all the lands of earth. It has been our conviction across the passing years that we must actually do something about the faith that is in us, translating it into action and letting it find expression in countless dedicated ways. In line with this heritage, we continue to acknowledge in this hour, as in all the yesterdays, our holy call to mission.

We know furthermore that our call to mission must be exercised intelligently and creatively and boldly within the framework of our contemporary world. Our world is a far different world from that which our fathers knew or even that which we ourselves knew only a few brief years ago. The exercise of our mission in our day demands that we be deeply sensitive to the problems of the contemporary world, share in its agony, participate in its attempts to find solutions, minister pertinently to its needs, and be truly effective in bringing it into contact with that divine redemptive force that forever makes all things new.

We know finally that we must exercise our mission in the contemporary world in partnership with others who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and in truth. We acknowledge readily that the whole mission of the whole church is greater than the particular mission of any one of the churches. We believe, however, that in fidelity to our own mission as we understand it, we make at least our best starting contribution toward the accomplishment of the total Christian mission. Beyond this responsibility to make our own particular contribution, we acknowledge responsibility for full cooperation with the ecumenical movement at all levels, and a proper and serious consideration of church-union proposals. We believe that in the consideration of such proposals we are called to the exercise of careful judgment; to the maintaining of proper caution that values long cherished and still cherished shall not be lost; and to seeking for assurance that such proposed union bears obvious hope for truly definite gain for the whole life of the whole church.

If union between The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church gives promise of a new commitment to mission for both churches as a result of a reexamination of and a recovery of our joint heritage as churches—then, indeed, a new chapter may be in the process of being written in our life as churches; and a genuine contribution may be made thereby to the total life of the total church in our day.

If union between The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church can conceivably put us as churches into position to pursue our mission more effectively in this our day and in the tomorrows immediately ahead, then certainly it merits our serious consideration. In reaching our conclusion such questions should be asked as whether the total assets of the two churches such as publishing interests, seminaries, colleges, and philanthropic institutions can be put to still greater use by union; whether the total ministry of the two churches can be deployed more effectively by becoming one ministry; and whether the local church situation in communities where both denominations work side by side and sometimes in competition can be improved by union.

Finally if union between The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church can offer fresh hope that the church as we envisage it in union, and as we may be able to build it together in the years immediately ahead, shall be "truly evangelical," then such union is indeed a union in which the entire Christian world has a stake. Strong

advocates are not wanting at the moment for the viewpoint that the church in our day must be "truly catholic" or the viewpoint that the church must be "truly reformed." It is for those who stand in the tradition in which Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren stand to insist that it shall also be "truly evangelical," preaching a positive gospel of redeeming love; expecting to witness the twin miracles of conversion and Christian growth in the lives of those who respond in faith; daring to believe that all the kingdoms of this world can and must become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and with its eyes and heart forever turned outward toward all the lost and broken and despairing and mistreated and disinherited of earth. If Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren union can give some fresh impetus to the concept of a church thus "truly evangelical," then surely the entire world stands to gain.

For us and for our brethren of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the hour of decision now has come. The Constitution under which it is proposed that the new church shall begin to chart its course now is before us. We must now decide whether as a Church we shall take the risks involved in moving away from that which is known and familiar and launching out into what is to some extent new and untried.

In this hour of decision for The Methodist Church and for the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the two churches considering union are, of course, the parties immediately concerned. But others are involved also. Our Christian brethren of other churches are indirectly involved and will be watching with deep concern what we do here, and to some extent will be affected by whatever decision we make.

Above all others, our Lord Himself is involved in what we may do here. The church is not our church but His church. We are but "His people and the sheep of His pasture." We speak often of our Master's dream for the church and for His people, but just how we may approximate that dream is not always a matter on which we seem to be able to find a clear directive. Discovering His will for His church or for a part of it in any particular situation is a matter which requires serious thought, careful appraisal, and openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

It is ours in this moment of decision to try to hear what God may be saying to us as a Church today; and when we have heard to dare to obey with faith, with courage and with the assurance that He who has begun a good work in us as a people will Himself finally bring it to completion.

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MORNING SESSION**

In accordance with the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, a service of Holy Communion was held before the official opening of the business session. The service which was not open to visitors was conducted by the Council of Bishops on Monday evening, November 7, 1966 in the Chicago Temple at 7:30 p.m. Bishop O. Eugene Slater was in charge of the service. (See Appendix, page 2789.) Bishop Frederick Newell delivered the Communion sermon. (See Appendix, page 3117.)

Opening Session—Bishop Richard Raines

The 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the International Ballroom, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois on Tuesday, November 8, 1966 at 8:30 a.m., Bishop Raines, President of the Council of Bishops and resident Bishop of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction, presiding.

Bishop Raines called upon Bishop Newell Booth, Harrisburg Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction to conduct the opening devotional service.

Bishop Booth: He will dwell with them and they shall be his people and God Himself will be with them. Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

Let us sing together hymn number 472, "Jesus Shall Reign."

The devotional address was delivered by Bishop Booth. (See Appendix, page 3120.)

Bishop Raines: Will the Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church please come to order.

Roll Call—J. Wesley Hole

While the Conference stood in silent tribute the names of the deceased were read, as follows:

Bishops

- Bishop Dana Dawson (May 2, 1964)
- Bishop Charles W. Flint (December 12, 1964)
- Bishop Marquis L. Harris (October 7, 1966)
- Bishop Edward W. Kelly (July 28, 1964)
- Bishop W. Vernon Middleton (November 12, 1965)
- Bishop Alexander P. Shaw (March 7, 1966)
- Bishop Ferdinand Sigg (October 27, 1965)

Delegates

- Mr. R. Howard Berg (Lay—July 24, 1965) (Florida—SE)
- Dr. Charles P. Bowles* (Ministerial—August 31, 1966) (Western North Carolina—SE)
- Dr. James V. Claypool* (Ministerial—April 24, 1965) (New England Southern—NE)
- Mrs. John A. Creech (Lay—July 5, 1964) (Kentucky—SE)
- Mr. John S. Cullins (Lay—July 4, 1964) (Southwest—C)
- Rev. Cecil R. Culver* (Ministerial—March 16, 1966) (Little Rock—SC)
- Mr. Howard Daughenbaugh (Lay—August 28, 1964) (Louisiana—SE)
- Mr. Wilmer F. Davis (Lay—December 1, 1964) (Peninsula—NE)
- Mr. Gunter Frohlich (Lay—1965) (Northeast Germany—OS)
- Rev. Hobart F. Goewey* (Ministerial—August 6, 1965) (Troy—NE)
- Dr. Ennis B. Hill* (Ministerial—September 1, 1966) (Southwest Texas—SC)
- Mr. Elmer Jolly (Lay—August 23, 1965) (Central Illinois—NC)
- Mr. A. L. Jones (Lay—January 23, 1965) (Missouri East—SC)
- Mrs. Paul B. Masters (Lay—June 19, 1965) (Philadelphia—NE)
- Rev. Iwao Niwa* (Ministerial) (United Church of Japan—OS)
- Mr. Clifford Pettygrove (Lay—July 13, 1966) (California—Nevada—W)
- Rev. Charles E. Pieh* (Ministerial—June 3, 1964) (Minnesota—NC)

Mrs. Roy Priest (Lay—December 6, 1965) (Central New York—NE)
 Mr. Jarrard Secrest (Lay—July 12, 1966) (Central Texas—SC)
 Mr. Herbert Schoellkopf (Lay) (Southern New Jersey—NE)
 Mr. Phil D. Stump (Lay—December 6, 1965) (Central New York—NE)
 Dr. Loyd Worley (Ministerial—July 9, 1966) (New York—NE)

Reserve Delegates

Mr. Fred L. Applegate (Lay—October 13, 1965) (Southern New Jersey—NE)
 Rev. Charles L. Carrington (Ministerial—March 3, 1965) (Delaware—C)
 Rev. Raymond W. Faus (Ministerial—March 27, 1965) (Western Pennsylvania—NE)
 Mr. Ben L. Ingram (Lay—July 16, 1965) (North Alabama—SE)
 Rev. Paul F. Lanius (Ministerial—May 23, 1964) (Tennessee—SE)
 Rev. George S. Sahai (Ministerial—February 15, 1966) (Lucknow—OS)
 Mr. Peter V. R. Schuyler (Lay—June 29, 1965) (Northern New Jersey—NE)
 Mr. Ola H. Swango (Lay—January 6, 1966) (North Mississippi—SE)
 Mr. Juan V. Uranga (Lay—January 13, 1966) (Rio Grande—SC)
 Rev. Oakey Wilburn (Ministerial—November 19, 1964) (Virginia—SE)
 Mr. Charles Scott Williams (Lay) (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
 Mr. Ronald Wilson (Lay—February 15, 1964) (North Iowa—NC)

Prayer—Bishop William C. Martin

Bishop Martin offered a prayer for bishops and delegates who have died since the 1964 session of the General Conference.

Bishops Present

Bishop Roy H. Short, Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, reported the following members of the Council of Bishops in attendance:

Effective: Ralph Taylor Alton, Hobart B. Amstutz, P. C. Benjamin Balaram, Sante Uberto Barbieri, Newell S. Booth, Kenneth W. Copeland, Fred P. Corson, Ralph E. Dodge, F. Gerald Ensley, H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Eugene M. Frank, Paul V. Galloway, Paul N. Garber,

Edwin R. Garrison, Charles F. Golden, W. Kenneth Goodson, A. Raymond Grant, Odd Hagen, Paul Hardin, Jr., James W. Henley, Fred G. Holloway, Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Francis E. Kearns, Gerald H. Kennedy, Dwight E. Loder, John Wesley Lord, Robert F. Lundy, Paul E. Martin, James J. Mathews, Shot K. Mondol, Noah W. Moore, Jr., Stephen Trowen Nagby, Sr., T. Otto Nall, Everett W. Palmer, Edward J. Pendergrass, W. Kenneth Pope, Thomas M. Pryor, Richard C. Raines, Franz Schafer, Roy H. Short, John Wesley Shungu, Mangal Singh, A. J. Shaw, O. Eugene Slater, John Owen Smith, W. Angie Smith, W. McFerrin Stowe, R. Marvin Stuart, Gabriel Sundaram, Prince Albert Taylor, Jr., James S. Thomas, Donald H. Tippet, Jose L. Valencia, Aubrey C. Walton, W. Ralph Ward, Lance Webb, Hazen G. Werner, Lloyd C. Wicke, Friedrich Wunderlich, Pedro Zottele, Escrivao Zunguze.

Retired: Dionosio D. Alejandro, Raymond L. Archer, Charles W. Brashares, Matthew W. Falir, Jr., Marvin A. Franklin, Nolan B. Harmon, Costen J. Harrell, Willis J. King, W. Earl Ledden, Edgar A. Love, William C. Martin, Arthur J. Moore, Frederick B. Newell, H. Clifford Northcott, Glenn R. Phillips, J. Waskom Pickett, Marshall R. Reed, Clement D. Rockey, John A. Subhan, Edwin E. Voigt.

Absent: Harry P. Andreassen, James C. Baker, Enrique C. Balloch, W. Y. Chen, Juan E. Gattinoni, Walter C. Gum, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Ivan Lee Holt, J. Ralph Magee, James H. Straughn, Raymond J. Wade, Herbert Welch.

Judicial Council

Dr. J. Russell Throckmorton, Secretary of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, reported the following members of the Judicial Council in attendance:

Theodore M. Berry, Paul R. Ervin, Leon M. Hickman, *Ralph M. Houston, Murray H. Leiffer, A. Wesley Pugh, J. Russell Throckmorton, Lester A. Welliver, Samuel W. Witwer.*

Annual Conference Members

The Chairman of each Annual Conference Delegation, on a prepared blank, certified that the following Delegates were in attendance upon this session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church—

Agra Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Sisa M. Sagar*

Lay—*Mehar Singh.*

Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—*Edward L. Hardin, Paul A. Duffey, Marion C. Mathison, Joel D. McDavid, John B. Nichols*

Lay—*George H. Proctor, J. Herbert Orr, David Self*

Lay Reserve—*Grover Ray, Mrs. J. T. Allen*

Angola Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Miguel de Andrade*

Lay Reserve—*Antonio M. Buta*

Argentina Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Adam F. Sosa*

Lay—*Eduardo J. Gattinoni*

Baltimore Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—*John B. Jones, Marion S. Michael, William A. Keese, Norman L. Trott, Asbury Smith, Clarence Fossett*

Lay—*W. Carroll Beatty, Mrs. Leonard N. Sowards, D. Stewart Patterson, Harry W. Schuh, Hurst Anderson, Everett Jones, Mrs. Thelma Skilling*

Ministerial Reserve—*Theodore R. Bowen*

Belgium Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Maurice E. Descamps*

Lay—*Frederick Griffin*

Bengal Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Sukummar Baidya*

Lay—*A. B. Singh*

Bolivia Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Cleto Zambrana*

Lay—*Dr. Juan B. Rojas*

Bombay Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Eric A. Mitchell*

Lay—*V. Bengers*

California-Nevada Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—*Kenneth W. Adams, John R. Wilkins, Robert W. Moon, Carl L. Stocking, C. Douglas Hayward*

Lay—*Frank Webber, Clare N. Pettit, Robert E. Burns, George H. Atkinson, Mrs. Ted F. Baun, Mrs. J. P. Howell*

Ministerial Reserve—*Arthur V. Thurman, Joyce W. Farr*

Lay Reserve—*Wilbur Jacoby*

Central Alabama Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—*Joseph E. Lowery*

Lay—*Quinton D. Adams*

Central Congo Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Pierre Shaumba*

Lay—*Albert Osamba*

Central Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—

Lay—

Central Illinois Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—*William W. Bennett, W. Harold Loyd, Leslie C. Archer, Joseph H. Albrecht, Robert C. Calderwood, H. Russell Coulter, Dale E. Pitcher*

Lay—*Richard H. Gantz, Lloyd M. Bertholf, Mrs. J. L. McAdam, Mrs. Leroy A. Pike, Mrs. G. E. Hartenbower, David A. Lindstrom*

Lay Reserve—*Richard E. Reeves*

Central Kansas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—*George W. Richards, Clarence J. Borger, Lyman S. Johnson, Glenn E. Matthew, Oren F. McClure*

- Lay—Marion Livengood, Mrs. H. L. Georg, Mrs. D. E. Watson, Harold Robison
 Lay Reserve—Joe Becker
Central New York Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—*Harold S. Swales, Lester Schaff, Henry G. Budd*
 Lay—Kester Bascom, Mrs. Kenneth D. Lundy
 Lay Reserve—Fred R. Sears
Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—*Edgar A. Henry, John F. Stamm, D. Frederick Wertz, Earl N. Rowe*
 Lay—Robert E. Knupp, Mrs. Frank W. Ake, Charles V. Adams, Victor K. Meredith
Central Texas Annual Conference (SC)
 Ministerial—*L. Stanley Williams, Wilford V. Bane, Gaston Foote, G. Alfred Brown, H. Brown Loyd*
 Lay—Roy J. Grogan, Eugene F. Jud, Mrs. R. S. High, Law Sone
 Lay Reserve—Mrs. Joel Hooper
Central West Annual Conference (C)
 Ministerial—*Woodie D. Lester*
 Lay Reserve—Mrs. Louis C. Vaughan
Chile Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Raymond Valenzuela*
 Lay Reserve—Victor Fierro
Cuba Annual Conference (SE)
 Ministerial—
 Lay—
Czechoslovakia Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—
 Lay—
Delaware Annual Conference (C)
 Ministerial—*Dennis R. Fletcher, Walter R. Hazzard, Sr.*
 Lay—William C. Jason, Jr., James C. Hardcastle
Delhi Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*James Lal*
 Lay—Alfred Singh
Denmark Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Poul B. Poulsen*
 Lay—Frede Johansen
Detroit Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial—*Orville H. McKay, John E. Marvin, Frederick C. Vosburg, James H. Laird, Hoover Rupert, Jesse R. DeWitt*
 Lay—Harold M. Karls, James A. Crippen, Mrs. William Cansfield, Lionel E. Thompson, Mrs. Kirk Rae, Prentiss Brown, Jr.

- Ministerial Reserve—*Jewell M. Smoot*
- Lay Reserve—*James Ragland*
- East China Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—
- Lay—
- East Tennessee Annual Conference (C)*
- Ministerial—*Major J. Jones*
- Lay—*Amos D. McCormick*
- East Wisconsin Annual Conference (NC)*
- Ministerial—*Alvin J. Lindgren, Marvin A. Schilling*
- Lay—*James I. Martin, Mrs. R. Lee Hundley, Mrs. E. H. Boettcher*
- Ministerial Reserve—*Leslie E. Simon*
- Florida Annual Conference (C)*
- Ministerial—*Stafford S. Robinson*
- Lay—*Richard V. Moore*
- Florida Annual Conference (SE)*
- Ministerial—*George A. Foster, J. Wallace Hamilton, John J. Rooks, Albert Dale Hagler, Charles T. Thrift, Jr., M. C. Cleveland, Henry W. Blackburn*
- Lay—*Mrs. David R. Thurman, Glenn W. Gold, Robert T. Mann, Edd W. Gentry, Mrs. Howard V. Weems, John Sargeant, Fred B. Noble*
- Ministerial Reserve—*Clare M. Cotton*
- Lay Reserve—*Madison F. Pacetti*
- Foochow Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—
- Lay—
- Georgia Annual Conference (C)*
- Ministerial—*L. Scott Allen*
- Lay—*James P. Brawley*
- Gujarat Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—*Ithiel V. Master*
- Lay—*Joseph M. Contractor*
- Hinghwa Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—
- Lay—
- Holston Annual Conference (SE)*
- Ministerial—*Mack B. Stokes, Edgar A. Eldridge, D. Trigg James, Sr., Mark M. Moore, Clyde F. Watkins, Paul R. Dodd*
- Lay—*L. T. Prigmore, Jr., Horace B. Hauk, R. C. Campbell, H. Leo Jackson, Holiday Smith, Mrs. Robert Flegal*
- Ministerial Reserve—*Robert H. Duncan*
- Lay Reserve—*Carroll Long*
- Hyderabad Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—*Challagalli Luke*

- Lay—Rajapur L. Samuel
Idaho Annual Conference (W)
 Ministerial Reserve—*Earl W. Riddle*
 Lay—*Erwin H. Schwiebert*
Indiana Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial—*James K. Forbes, William N. Burton, Charles A. Tyler, A. James Armstrong*
 Lay—*Edward Susat, Russell Kibler*
 Lay Reserve—*Ralph Hastings, Ernest H. Jones*
Indus River Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Johnston S. Q. Bakhsh*
 Lay—*Emmanuel M. Sohotra*
Kansas Annual Conference (SC)
 Ministerial—*Albert F. Bramble, Don W. Holter, Lloyd H. Rising, Clare J. Hayes*
 Lay—*Ronald Quellhorst, Floyd H. Coffman, Mrs. Paul W. Burres, Mrs. Benjamin A. Gessner*
Kentucky Annual Conference (SE)
 Ministerial—*Russell R. Patton, Edward L. Tullis, Ralph G. Wesley*
 Lay—*Howard M. Jones, William E. Savage*
 Lay Reserve—*Mrs. John W. Holbrook*
Kiangsi Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—
 Lay—
Lexington Annual Conference (C)
 Ministerial—*Harry B. Gibson, Jr., Sumpter M. Riley, Jr.*
 Lay—*Mrs. Louis H. Fields, Joseph T. Johnson*
Liberia Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Urias B. Freeman*
 Lay Reserve—*Melville F. Harris*
Little Rock Annual Conference (SC)
 Ministerial—*Marshall T. Steel*
 Lay—*Luther L. Miller, Luther J. Miller*
 Ministerial Reserve—*C. Ray Hozendorf, Fred R. Harrison*
 Lay Reserve—*Raymond Hillis*
Louisiana Annual Conference (C)
 Ministerial—*William T. Handy, Jr.*
 Lay—*George L. Netterville*
Louisiana Annual Conference (SC)
 Ministerial—*Carl F. Lueg, Sr., Douglas E. Jackson, Benjamin R. Oliphint, Daniel W. Poole*
 Lay—*W. Davis Cotton, Mrs. George W. Dameron, Vinson M. Mouser, Robert P. Lay*
 Ministerial Reserve—*R. Leonard Cooke*
 Lay Reserve—*Robert J. O'Neal*
Louisville Annual Conference (SE)

- Ministerial—*James W. Averitt, James S. Curry, E. Wade Weldon, Ted Hightower*
 Lay—*Mrs. Haskel E. Arterburn, Thomas McQuary*
 Lay Reserve—*Albert Hubbard*
Lucknow Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial Reserve—*D. P. Titus*
 Lay—*Matthew R. Davidson*
Madhya Pradesh Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*F. N. P. Singh*
 Lay—*Silas Ram*
Maine Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—*Lester L. Boobar, Lewis H. Beckford*
 Lay—*E. Millett Cummings, Margaret Currie*
Malaya Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Kim-Hao Yap*
 Lay—*Lai-Yuen Wong*
Malaysia Chinese Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*F. O. Stockwell*
 Lay—*Siaw-Hua Khoo*
Memphis Annual Conference (SE)
 Ministerial—*Franklin Alton Flatt, James A. Fisher, James P. Irion, Paul T. Lyles*
 Lay—*Red H. Bond, Leslie M. Stratton, III, Charles L. Yancey*
 Lay Reserve—*H. Wallace Tanner*
Michigan Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial—*John W. Tennant, Howard A. Lyman*
 Lay—*Alvin A. Neller, Mrs. W. Gordon Dix, Donald E. Holbrook*
 Ministerial Reserve—*Keith T. Avery, Dwight S. Large*
 Lay Reserve—*Dr. Katherine W. Wilcox*
Mid-China Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—
 Lay—
Middle Philippines Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Catalino T. Garcia*
 Lay—*Gerardo Samson, Jr.*
Mindanao Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Tomas de los Santos*
 Lay—*Alfredo R. Respicio*
Minnesota Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial—*Chester A. Pennington, Dennis F. Nyberg, George A. Butters*
 Lay—*Francis H. Faber, Mrs. Charles W. Spear, Lawrence E. Whiteley, Mrs. John Gridley, Mrs. Clarence E. Richardson*
 Ministerial Reserve—*Charles R. Sweet, George W. Chant*
Mississippi Annual Conference (C)

- Ministerial—*Charlemagne P. Payne, Sr.*
- Lay—Ira W. McCullum
- Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)*
- Ministerial—*J. Willard Leggett, Jr., G. Eliot Jones, Seth W. Granberry, Thomas O. Prewitt*
- Lay—John C. Satterfield, Bert Jordan, Edwin E. Moorhead
- Lay Reserve—A. Dan Breland, Jr.
- Missouri East Annual Conference (SC)*
- Ministerial—*Wesley H. Hager, Floyd V. Brower, Joseph H. Wagner, Monk Bryan*
- Lay—J. C. Hawkins, Mrs. Charles B. Gillespie
- Lay Reserve—Ronald Shipp, Oscar Schupp
- Missouri West Annual Conference (SC)*
- Ministerial—*Ross A. Fulton, Hauser Winter, Forrest L. Standard, Robert N. Arbaugh*
- Lay—Mrs. Ernest Mehl, Hugh DuBois, N. Guy Hall, George Seiberling
- Ministerial Reserve—*Z. Glen Jones*
- Lay Reserve—Paul Frank
- Montana Annual Conference (W)*
- Ministerial Reserve—*John W. Bartram*
- Lay—Sam A. Munson
- Moradabad Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—*Daniel B. Massey*
- Lay—Dalchand Das
- Nebraska Annual Conference (SC)*
- Ministerial—*C. Edwin Murphy, Richard E. Carlyon, James S. Chubb, Lowell D. Jones*
- Lay—Wilbert K. Flaming, John W. Frey, Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, Mrs. Max Gentry, Kenneth Dryden
- Ministerial Reserve—*Robert L. Townsend*
- New England Annual Conference (NE)*
- Ministerial—*Wilbur C. Ziegler, Lemuel K. Lord, James R. Uhlinger, H. Hughes Wagner*
- Lay—Mason N. Hartman, Mrs. Melvin E. Lawrence, Mrs. Emil M. Hartl
- Lay Reserve—John Fisher
- New England Southern Annual Conference (NE)*
- Ministerial—*Lawrence F. Almond*
- Lay—Mrs. F. Morris Cochran, Thomas Bell
- Ministerial Reserve—*Morrill O. Martin*
- New Hampshire Annual Conference (NE)*
- Ministerial—*Lewis H. Moulton*
- Lay Reserve—Mrs. Howard W. Knight
- New Mexico Annual Conference (SC)*
- Ministerial—*Earl M. Nowlin, G. Lemuel Fenn*

- Lay—William C. Patten, Sam Steele
New York Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—*Harold A. Bosley, Roy Nichols, Walter L. Scranton, Richard A. Thornburg, Charles L. Warren, Henry C. Whyman, Douglas F. Verdin*
 Lay—Louis C. Hauser, Robert W. Preusch, Ethel Johnson, Howard H. Darling, George M. Northrop, William T. Staubach, Jr., Sydney H. Atkinson, William W. Reid
 Ministerial Reserve—*William M. James*
North Alabama Annual Conference (SE)
 Ministerial—*R. Laurence Dill, Jr., Calvin M. Pinkard, J. Duncan Hunter, Jr., Thomas A. Edgar, R. Edwin Kimbrough, W. Nelson Guthrie, Sr.*
 Lay—William C. Brannon, Jesse A. Culp, Frank M. Dominick, R. Clarence Williams, Edward Montgomery
 Ministerial Reserve—*Paul L. Clem*
 Lay Reserve—*Mrs. Thad J. Cottingham, Frank D. Malone*
North Arkansas Annual Conference (SC)
 Ministerial—*John A. Bayliss, Ethan W. Dodgen*
 Lay—*E. Clay Bumpers, Charles S. Shivley*
 Ministerial Reserve—*Virgil D. Keeley*
 Lay Reserve—*I. Nels Barnett*
North Carolina Annual Conference (C)
 Ministerial—*Leander A. Brown*
 Lay—*Clarence M. Winchester*
North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
 Ministerial—*Offie L. Hathaway, Thomas A. Collins, Chancie D. Barclift, Cecil W. Robbins, Robert E. Cushman, J. Ezell Garlington, Marquis W. Lawrence*
 Lay—*J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., Roy L. Turnage, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Walter F. Anderson, L. Stacy Weaver, James F. Rogers*
 Lay Reserve—*Mrs. L. C. Vereen*
North China Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—
 Lay—
North Dakota Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial Reserve—*William W. Morrison*
 Lay Reserve—*Ray Pengra*
North Georgia Annual Conference (SE)
 Ministerial—*William R. Cannon, Nat G. Long, Delma L. Hagood, Gordon G. Thompson, Jr., W. Rembert Sisson, William H. Ruff, T. Cecil Myers*
 Lay—*Virgil Y. C. Eady, Mrs. Ethan L. Taylor, D. W. Brooks, William A. Sutton, Mrs. Arthur Styron*
 Lay Reserve—*Grady C. Pittard, Jr., T. Jack Lance*
North India Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Y. J. Nirdosh*

- Lay—Rosmund A. Smart
North Indiana Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial—Thurman B. Morris, Donald E. Bailey,
 Gerald H. Jones, O. Wayne Paulen
 Lay—H. Owen DeWeese, Mrs. Rex Pope, Mrs. B. V. Allen,
 Roy R. Roudebush, Paul B. Dougherty
 Ministerial Reserve—Robert W. Fribley
North Iowa Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial—Lawrence D. Havighurst, Frederick E.
 Miller, Kenneth E. Metcalf, Harvey A. Walker, J. Rich-
 ard Palmer
 Lay—Mrs. W. D. Martin, Harry E. Young, Leland C.
 Surfus, W. Z. Fidler, Mrs. Robert C. Armstrong, Mrs.
 Clarence W. Tompkins
 Ministerial Reserve—M. Trevor Baskerville
North Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
 Ministerial—Archie L. Meadows, George R. Williams
 Lay—Roy Black, Sam C. Stanley
 Ministerial Reserve—William M. Jones
 Lay Reserve—Felix Black
North Texas Annual Conference (SC)
 Ministerial—Alsie H. Carleton, Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.,
 Albert C. Outler, William B. Slack
 Lay—Willis M. Tate, Albert S. Milikien
 Ministerial Reserve—Thomas J. Shipp
 Lay Reserve—M. E. Lee, Russell Smith, Louis V.
 Chandler
North East Germany Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—Ernst Scholz
 Lay Reserve—Karl S. Stoetzer
North-East Ohio Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial—Robert H. Courtney, Harold B. Williams,
 Paul M. Ward, Thomas L. Cromwell, Charles W. Hamil-
 ton, Russell H. Hoy, Carl C. Bracy
 Lay—Charles R. Layton, N. Wayne Cox, John W.
 Chittum, Mrs. B. V. Mitchell, Alfred B. Bonds, Jr.,
 Harvey C. Yoder
 Ministerial Reserve—Paul O. Mayer
 Lay Reserve—Mrs. Paul Spencer, Mrs. Olyn F. Hull
Northern New Jersey Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—Robert B. Goodwin, Eugene L. Smith, Forest
 M. Fuess, William F. B. Rodda
 Lay—Charles C. Parlin, Mrs. Adrienne Taylor, Robert F.
 Oxnam, Robert W. Carson
Northern New York Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—Arthur B. Oot, Robert D. Jones
 Lay—DeWitt C. LeFevre, Vernon L. Lee
Northern Philippines Annual Conference (OS)

- Ministerial—*Pedro F. Daludado*
- Lay—*Virgilio T. Velasco*
- Northwest Germany Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—*Walther Zeuner*
- Lay—*Johann Bruns*
- Northwest Indiana Annual Conference (NC)*
- Ministerial—*John D. Wolf, Otis L. Collier, Richard C. Thistle*
- Lay—*Mrs. C. J. Rogers, John Thomas, Frank Innis*
- Northwest Philippines Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—*Gregorio R. Bailen*
- Lay—*Ezekias G. Gacutan*
- Northwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)*
- Ministerial—*Marvin L. Boyd, J. Howard Crawford, Vernon N. Henderson, J. Weldon Butler*
- Lay—*Joe T. Salem, Gordon Bennett, J. M. Willson, Sr., Eldon Mahon, Mrs. C. C. Coffee*
- Ministerial Reserve—*Cecil R. Matthews*
- Norway Annual Conference (OS)*
- Ministerial—*Einar Anker Nilsen*
- Lay—*Sverre W. Knudsen*
- Ohio Annual Conference (NC)*
- Ministerial—*Raoul C. Calkins, W. Arthur Milne, Donald W. Cryer, Donald R. Yocom, Claude Garrison, Austin R. Whitmore, Edwin H. Dickey, Lee C. Moorehead, J. Otis Young*
- Lay—*Paul B. Momberg, Mrs. Carl E. Ware, Mrs. Harold M. Baker, Leonard Slutz, Paul Wiant, Miss Marion Brown, Harold Rosser, Charles B. Mills, Mrs. Everett Goodwin, George H. Day*
- Ministerial Reserve—*John W. Dickhaut*
- Oklahoma Annual Conference (SC)*
- Ministerial—*Finis A. Crutchfield, Irving Lee Smith, Nuell C. Crain, L. Lee Bowles*
- Lay—*William C. Doenges, James A. Egan, Mrs. George Metzel, Manley Moore, Carl McFall, Tal Oden*
- Ministerial Reserve—*J. Howard Bush, Howard Davis, Therman Harris*
- Lay Reserve—*Robert S. Kerr, Jr.*
- Oregon Annual Conference (W)*
- Ministerial—*Lawrence E. Guderian, Robert W. Burtner*
- Lay—*Mrs. Russell Watson*
- Ministerial Reserve—*Raymond E. Balcomb*
- Lay Reserve—*Marshall C. Hjelte, Howard B. Somers*
- Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference (W)*
- Ministerial—*Paul H. Hagiya*
- Lay—*Tosh Terasawa*
- Pacific Northwest Annual Conference (W)*

- Ministerial—*J. Henry Ernst, Jack M. Tuell, Cecil F. Ristow, John C. Soltman, William H. Ritchey*
 Lay—*Mrs. John Eby, Lyle H. Truax, Roy P. Moller, Willard A. Zellmer*
 Lay Reserve—*Alfred O. Holte*
Peninsula Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—*Paul E. McCoy, Raymond J. Cooke*
 Lay—*Granville Hooper, Elton W. Parsons*
 Ministerial Reserve—*John E. French*
 Lay Reserve—*George P. Chandler*
Philadelphia Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—*Harold D. Flood, John D. Herr, Clinton M. Cherry, George C. Lurwick, Wallace F. Stettler*
 Lay—*John R. Harper, Frank E. Baker, J. Holland Heck, J. Lee Bausher*
 Lay Reserve—*Mrs. Robert L. Kerr*
Philippines Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Guillermo M. Manuel*
 Lay—*Samuel Bautista*
Polish Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Jozef Szczepkowski*
 Lay—*Ryszard Rode*
Puerto Rico Provisional Annual Conference (NE)
 Ministerial—*Jorge N. Cintron*
 Lay Reserve—*Ismael Cabrera*
Rhodesia Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial—*Josiah Chidzikwe*
 Lay Reserve—*Isaac Musamba*
Rio Grande Annual Conference (SC)
 Ministerial—*Simon A. Nieto*
 Lay—*Mrs. May Alvirez*
Rock River Annual Conference (NC)
 Ministerial—*Frank L. Countryman, Charles S. Jarvis, Merlyn W. Northfelt, Amos A. Thornburg, Carleton C. Rogers, Edsel A. Ammons*
 Lay—*Arthur L. Myers, Mrs. Paul L. Copeland, Henry V. Loeppert, John R. Van Sickle, Clay E. Steele, Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings*
 Ministerial Reserve—*Wesley M. Westerberg*
 Lay Reserve—*Miss Blanche Rutledge*
Rocky Mountain Annual Conference (W)
 Ministerial—*Harvey H. Potthoff, Ben F. Lehmberg, J. Carlton Babbs, Taylor McConnell*
 Lay—*R. S. Doenges, Chester M. Alter, John Persinger, Mrs. Bruce Renick*
Sarawak Annual Conference (OS)
 Ministerial Reserve—*Yu Teck Soi*
 Lay—*Peter G. P. Chew*

Shantung Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—

Lay—

South Carolina Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial—*John W. Curry*

Lay—*Robert J. Palmer, Mrs. Beulah L. Baxley*

Ministerial Reserve—*Warren M. Jenkins*

South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—*Francis T. Cunningham, R. W. Spears, R. B. Herbert, John V. Murray, W. Wallace Fridy, Henry L. Kingman, Eben Taylor*

Lay—*W. J. Ready, J. Carlisle Holler, Charles F. Marsh, J. E. Jerome*

Lay Reserve—*Spencer M. Rice, Arthur M. Taylor, Harry R. Kent*

South Dakota Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—*Harvey H. Sander, Arnold T. Herbst*

Lay—*Ervin R. Ortman, Fred Hubbard*

South Georgia Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—*G. Ross Freeman, David A. Duck, Frank L. Robertson, J. F. Wilson*

Lay—*W. S. Parks, B. I. Thornton, W. E. Bostwick, Mrs. Clyde J. Newman*

Ministerial Reserve—*Dan H. Williams*

Lay Reserve—*June Norwood*

South Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—*Hermann Jeuther, Johannes Matthies*

Lay—*Albert Grad, Heinz P. Fischer*

South India Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial Reserve—*Byrappa R. Isaiah*

Lay Reserve—*B. James Madhu*

South Iowa Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—*Paul M. Hann, Lester L. Moore, Arthur V. Long, Wilbur Wilcox*

Lay—*Mrs. John A. Owens, Paul V. Shearer, Waldo E. Don Carlos, Mrs. Robert Lucas*

Southeast Africa Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial Reserve—*Manuel M. Mucambe*

Lay Reserve—*Mabel P. Michel*

Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—*Edwin E. Reeves, Ray W. Ragsdale, K. Morgan Edwards, L. L. White, Russell Clay, Richard W. Cain, Frank S. Williams, Will Hildebrand, Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr., Stanley S. McKee*

Lay—*J. Wesley Hole, Ernest C. Colwell, Verne Orr, Sr., Hubert E. Orton, Mrs. Edwin A. Ingham, Mrs. Martha Bacon, Mrs. John Paul Stone, Robert Fletcher*

Lay Reserve—*Marion Walker, Donald Buhler*

- Southern Congo Annual Conference (OS)*
Ministerial—*Joel Bulaya*
Lay—*Gaston Mwenda*
- Southern Illinois Annual Conference (NC)*
Ministerial—*Joseph C. Evers, Hubert G. Hurley*
Lay—*Mrs. Robert David, Everett K. Thompson, Russell Rigden*
Ministerial Reserve—*Vernie T. Barnett*
- Southern New Jersey Annual Conference (NE)*
Ministerial—*William R. Guffick, George R. Probert, Charles A. Sayre, Ernest W. Lee*
Lay—*Robert J. Mumford, Hammel P. Shipps, Mrs. Mabel K. Stretch*
Lay Reserve—*William F. Egan, Jr.*
- Southwest Annual Conference (C)*
Ministerial—*Cortelyou C. Hall*
Lay Reserve—*Mrs. C. G. Tillmon*
- Southwest Germany Annual Conference (OS)*
Ministerial—*Carl Ernst Sommer*
Lay—*Rudolf Schiele*
- Southwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)*
Ministerial—*Ted Richardson, James William Morgan, J. Barcus Moore, Elmer J. Hierholzer*
Lay—*James M. Walker, Tom Reavley, E. D. McDonald, Mrs. V. G. Woolsey, C. W. Brown, William B. Warner*
Ministerial Reserve—*Darrell D. Gray, Lawrence K. Brown*
- Sweden Annual Conference (OS)*
Ministerial—*Arne G. Widegard, Henry J. Atterling*
Lay—*Curt Amark, Carl-Axel Holm*
- Switzerland Annual Conference (OS)*
Ministerial—*Hermann Schaad*
Lay—*Ernst Ryser*
- Tennessee Annual Conference (C)*
Ministerial—*Allen H. L. Randolph*
Lay—*Lillian L. Jones*
- Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)*
Ministerial—*H. Thornton Fowler, William Bruce Strother, Elbert E. Walkup, Elwood Denson*
Lay—*R. Kenneth Morgan, N. C. Beasley*
Lay Reserve—*Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, L. Kemper Notgrass*
- Texas Annual Conference (C)*
Ministerial—*L. B. Felder*
Lay—*Mrs. H. L. Wooten*
Ministerial Reserve—*Allen M. Mayes*
Lay Reserve—*A. L. Humphrey*
- Texas Annual Conference (SC)*
Ministerial—*Wayne H. McCleskey, Derwood L. Black-*

- well, Stewart Clendenin, William L. Hattaway, John W. Hardt, J. Kenneth Shamblin, Durwood Fleming*
 Lay—Ray W. Goens, W. A. Pounds, Jr., T. E. Acker, Mrs. E. M. Faubion, M. G. Mell, Claude A. Edge
 Ministerial Reserve—*Charles L. Allen*
 Lay Reserve—Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr.
- Troy Annual Conference (NE)*
 Ministerial—*Elmer N. Haley, Charles W. Kessler*
 Lay—Frederick K. Kirchner, Mrs. Wilbur F. Curtis, Don S. Robb
 Ministerial Reserve—*Paul V. Hydon*
- Upper Mississippi Annual Conference (C)*
 Ministerial—*John H. Graham*
 Lay Reserve—Mrs. S. L. Griffin
- Uruguay Annual Conference (OS)*
 Ministerial—*Miguel A. Brun*
 Lay—
- Virginia Annual Conference (SE)*
 Ministerial—*Roland P. Riddick, Joseph S. Johnston, Harold H. Hughes, Sr., Carl J. Sanders, Edgar A. Potts, A. Purnell Bailey, Owen T. Kelly, R. Kern Eutsler, R. Orman Bryant, Harry W. Backhus III*
 Lay—Allie G. Jefferson, Charles M. Earley, J. Earl Moreland, Mrs. J. Boyd Tyrrell, Albert L. White, Jr., Jerry G. Bray, W. Roland Walker, William T. Robey, Jr., John H. Rixse
 Ministerial Reserve—*Robert P. Parker*
 Lay Reserve—Raymon Tamkin, William R. Phelps
- Washington Annual Conference (C)*
 Ministerial—*John B. A. Dyson*
 Lay—Thurman L. Dodson, Mrs. Beryl E. W. Williams
 Ministerial Reserve—*James D. Foy*
- West China Annual Conference (OS)*
 Ministerial—
 Lay—
- West Texas Annual Conference (C)*
 Ministerial—*Ernest T. Dixon, Jr.*
 Lay—John T. King
- West Virginia Annual Conference (NE)*
 Ministerial—*Lacy H. Burns, Claude R. Collins, Garrett H. Evans, Charles Godwin, Truman W. Potter, Henry R. High*
 Lay—William A. Byus, Jr., A. T. Artzberger, Mrs. B. J. Cunningham, Mrs. E. K. Johnston, H. P. Shaffer, Richard L. Roberts
- West Wisconsin Annual Conference (NC)*
 Ministerial—*Winslow N. Wilson, Gomer W. Finch*
 Lay—Norman F. Kahl, Clifford G. Lau

Western New York Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—*Charles S. Aldrich, Clytus F. Mowry, Dean E. Richardson*

Lay—*Florence E. Kelly, Mary F. Mabuce, Thomas B. Clay*

Western North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—*Charles D. White, Robert G. Tuttle, J. Clay Madison, Wilson O. Weldon, Lee F. Tuttle, Phillip L. Shore, Jr., Cecil G. Hefner, Chesley C. Herbert, Jr., John H. Carper*

Lay—*Edwin L. Jones, Sr., M. Thomas Lambeth, Robert M. Smith, George M. Ivey, Sr., Mrs. Carl H. King, Thomas M. Little, Gordon L. Goodson, Ralph M. Stockton*

Ministerial Reserve—*Carl H. King, Frank B. Jordan*

Lay Reserve—*Hugh Massie, Paul F. Evans, Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt*

Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—*John B. Warman, W. Sproule Boyd, Arthur B. R. Colley, Kenneth P. Rutter, Adolph P. Weaver, Arthur M. Crawford, Warren A. Bugbee*

Lay—*Mrs. Jacob F. Rentz, William M. Beatty, Raymond M. Bell, Fred E. Murdock*

Lay Reserve—*Lois R. Anthony, Elbert R. Moses, Jack Shives*

Wyoming Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—*Leon W. Bouton, Harold C. Buckingham, Philip N. Pitcher*

Lay—*G. Wesley Lewis, Walter L. Hunt, Harry M. Gordon*

Yenping Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—

Lay—

Annual Conferences—No Delegates

Because of conditions beyond their control, the following Annual Conferences had no delegates in attendance at the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church: Central Germany (OS), Czechoslovakia (OS), East China (OS), Foochow (OS), Hinghwa (OS), Kiangsi (OS), Mid-China (OS), North China (OS), Shantung (OS), West China (OS), Yenping (OS).

Affiliated Autonomous Churches

In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 602 (3) and (4) of the 1964 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the Affiliated Autonomous Churches sent Delegates as follows:

Methodist Church of Brazil

Ministerial—*Isnard Rocha*

Lay—*Robert S. Davis*

Autonomous Methodist Church of Burma

Ministerial—*Frank E. Manton* (Reserve)

Lay—*Mrs. Frank E. Manton* (Reserve)

Autonomous Methodist Church of Indonesia

Ministerial—*M. Halomoan Napitupulu*

Lay—*Karel Hutapea*

United Church of Christ in Japan

Ministerial—*Kiyoshi Ii*

Lay—*John Skillman*

Korean Methodist Church

Ministerial—*Jeung Saw Ryu*

Lay—None

Methodist Church of Mexico

Ministerial—None

Lay—*Arthur W. Chaffee*

United Church of Christ in Okinawa

Ministerial—*Shigeaki Kinjo*

Lay—None

Provisional Annual Conferences—Overseas

Under provisions of Paragraph 503 of the 1964 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the following Overseas Provisional Annual Conferences sent a representative—

Austria Provisional Annual Conference

Robert F. Gebhart

Costa Rica Provisional Annual Conference

Hubert E. Floyd

Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference

C. H. Woo

Iban Provisional Annual Conference

Joseph Terrence

Karachi Provisional Annual Conference

Vincent Rutherford

North Africa Provisional Annual Conference

Sassi Hessini

Panama Provisional Annual Conference

Kenneth Darg

Patagonia Provisional Annual Conference

K. Siegfried Trommer

Peru Provisional Annual Conference

Marco A. Ochoa

Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference

Theodore F. Cole

Executive Secretaries of General Boards

Under provisions of Paragraph 502 of the 1964 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the following Executive Secre-

taries of The General Boards were seated and granted the privileges of the floor—

American Bible Society

Laton E. Holmgren (New York—NE)

Camp Activities

Alfred A. Knox (North Arkansas—SC)

Chaplains

John R. McLaughlin (Northern New Jersey—NE)

Christian Social Concerns

A. Dudley Ward (New York—NE)

Grover C. Bagby (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Herman Will, Jr. (Baltimore—NE)

Dale White (New England—NE)

Christian Vocations

Richard H. Bauer (Ohio—NC)

Ecumenical Affairs

Robert W. Huston (New England—NE)

Education

Henry W. Bullock (Mississippi—SE)

Howard Ham (Central New York—NE)

Myron F. Wicke (Tennessee—SE)

Evangelism

Kermit Long (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Historical Society

Albea Godbold (Missouri East—SC)

Hospitals and Homes

Olin E. Oeschger (Rock River—NC)

Lay Activities

Robert C. Mayfield (Missouri West—SC)

Missions

Ann Porter Brown (New York—NE)

J. Edward Carothers (New York—NE)

Tracy K. Jones (Malaya—OS)

Gerald L. Clapsaddle (Indiana—NC)

Dorothy McConnell (New York—NE)

Missionary Education

John Humphrey (North Mississippi—SE)

Overseas Relief

J. Harry Haines (West China—OS)

Pensions

Claire C. Hoyt (Rocky Mountain—W)

Promotion and Cultivation

Howard Greenwalt (California-Nevada—W)

Public Relations and Methodist Information

Arthur West (Missouri West—SC)

Publishing Agent

Lovick Pierce (Tennessee—SC)

Television, Radio and Films

Harry Spencer (Rock River—NC)

World Methodist Council

Lee F. Tuttle (Western North Carolina—SE)

World Service and Finance

Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE) (See Appendix, page 2919.)

Quorum Present—J. Wesley Hole

Upon inquiry from the Chair, the Secretary of the General Conference certified that a quorum of delegates was present. Bishop Raines then stated: "I therefore declare the Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church open for business."

Secretarial Staff Nominated and Elected—J. Wesley Hole

The Secretary nominated and the Conference elected the following Secretarial Staff:

Assistant—Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE)

Calendar—Hobart Hildyard (Kansas—SC)

Document—Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska—SC)

Journal—W. Carleton Wilson (North Carolina—SE)

Petition and Reference—Newell P. Knudsen (California—Nevada—W)

Daily Christian Advocate Liaison—Edward Zelley (Rock River—NC)

Roll Call and Credentials—Allen Mayes (Texas—C)

Chief Teller Group A—Calvin M. Pinkard (North Alabama—SE)

Chief Teller Group B—Marvin Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC)

Telegrams and Greetings—Kenneth P. Rutter (Western Pennsylvania—NE)

Secretarial Pool—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hiatt (S. California—Arizona—W)

Office Manager—Mrs. Evelyn Beatty (W. North Carolina—SE)

Page for Secretarial Staff—George F. Williams (S. California—Arizona—W)

Dr. Leon T. Moore, Secretary Emeritus, was greeted by the Conference.

Report No. 1—Commission on Entertainment and Program —J. Otis Young—Adopted

The printed report of the Commission on Entertainment and Program was presented by *Dr. J. Otis Young*, Chairman, who also highlighted certain items in the report. Particular attention was directed to the recommendation in

the report that the Conference adjourn by Friday night, November 11th. Upon motion of *Dr. Young* the report was adopted. (DCA, page 801; see Appendix, page 2905.)

Agenda Committee Report—J. Otis Young—Report No. 1—Adopted

A report outlining the proposed procedures to be followed by the Conference which had been prepared by the Agenda Committee in consultation with the Ad Hoc Committee was presented by *Dr. J. Otis Young*, Chairman. A general discussion ensued concerning the composition of a Joint Conference Legislative Committee proposed in the report.

Amendment Proposed—Lewis H. Beckford

Lewis H. Beckford (Maine—NE): I would move an amendment to the report—this is item C under part six of the report as it relates to the Joint Committee on Conferences.

In the makeup of the Methodist part of that Joint Committee, I would move that with the exception of the Bishops and the Secretary of the General Conference, all members of the Joint Conference Committee from The Methodist Church shall be members of this General Conference. If this is seconded, I will speak to it.

Motion seconded.

Mr. Beckford: The General Conference of The Methodist Church is consistently referred to as that group which establishes policy for our Church—I am not informed as to the executive committee of the Ad Hoc Committee, but I am aware that there are members of that Ad Hoc Committee who are not members of the General Conference.

It seems to me that if we are to follow the parallel of a comparison between this Conference and the Congress of the United States, then members of the Joint Conference Committee ought to be also members of the General Conference.

Amendment to Amendment Proposed—Robert W. Moon

Robert W. Moon (California-Nevada—W): Mr. Chairman, I understand that there is a movement at the E.U.B. Conference to enlarge their share of this coordinating committee in order to make it more balanced and in keeping with that intention, I would like to move an amendment to the proposal that is now before us that would provide for this committee to be enlarged by the addition of two pastors of local churches and one layman.

The Conference approved the Amendment to the Amendment. Upon inquiry from the Chair as to the method of appointing the additional members to the Joint Conference Legislative Committee, *Robert W. Moon* moved that they be appointed by the President of the Council of Bishops. This was also voted by the Conference.

Beckford Amendment Lost

After discussion of the amendment proposed by *Lewis H. Beckford*, the vote was taken and the amendment did not prevail.

Clarification requested—Lawrence F. Almond

Lawrence F. Almond (New England Southern—NE): Will you clarify our situation? We did pass an amendment which I understood to be an amendment to an amendment enlarging the Committee.

Now, has that been lost by the loss of the amendment?

Chairman Raines: Yes.

Mr. Almond: It is?

Chairman Raines: The whole thing has been denied by your defeating of the amendment. The amendment to the amendment was defeated with the amendment.

Mr. Almond: Is it possible to resubmit the amendment to the amendment as an amendment?

Chairman Raines: It is.

New Amendment Proposed and Adopted—Lawrence F. Almond

Lawrence F. Almond (New England Southern—NE) then moved that the Agenda Committee report be amended by adding two local pastors and one layman to the Joint Conference Legislative Committee and that these additional members be appointed by the President of the Council of Bishops. This amendment was adopted. (DCA, page 805.)

Inquiry Relative to Restrictions on Agenda—Jack M. Tuell

Jack M. Tuell (Pacific Northwest—W): A question regarding the second paragraph of the report which quotes from the Judicial Council decision.

I'd like to know whether our adoption of this Agenda Committee Report carries with it the adoption of the idea that all we can consider at this General Conference is the progress report from the Interjurisdictional Relations Commission and the reviewing and acting on the question of church union?

What I have in mind is, there are a number of people who feel that there are certain important amendments which ought to be adopted whether church union as such is adopted or not, and I am concerned at this point that we not bind ourselves by this agenda.

J. Otis Young, Chairman of the Agenda Committee, replied: Mr. Chairman, in answer to that, your Agenda Committee weighed very carefully all these matters and felt that we should present our report in the light of the action taken at the Pittsburgh Conference when this was ordered as a special session.

Since that time, the Judicial Council has ruled otherwise and, therefore, this body would be at liberty to discuss other matters.

Several delegates raised questions concerning the effect which the adoption of the Agenda Committee report would have upon the various sections of the Plan of Union as presented by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Answers to Inquiries Given by Charles Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): When we leave here, the Constitution and the Enabling Legislation are frozen.

Parts Two, Three, and Four are wide open but the Constitution and the Enabling Legislation must be perfected and frozen here in Chicago, because this is what goes down to the Annual Conferences for their vote and their vote is "yes" or "no." There are no amendments possible after Chicago.

Questions Relating to Report of Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations

Several Questions were raised by delegates concerning the scheduling of the Report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations. *Dr. J. Otis Young* answered for the Agenda Committee and called upon Mr. Leonard Slutz, Chairman of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, for a further statement.

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): It is our hope that we would present our report this morning, we'd begin discussion on it, that we'd continue discussion on it until we're ready for action upon it and that we adopt it prior to the time that we vote on the E.U.B. union.

Motion to Defer Action—Douglas E. Jackson

Douglas E. Jackson (Louisiana—SE): It appears to me that the questions that are being asked here are indicative of confusion.

I would like to make a motion that Report Number One of the Agenda Committee, Part 6, following, be deferred for action for twenty-four hours.

The motion to defer action on Part 6 of the report was adopted. (DCA, page 807.)

Matter of Personal Privilege—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for a matter of personal privilege at this time. On the agenda which has not yet been adopted—but I think we can lay that aside at this point—the mayor of this city has come from a busy life to bring greetings to this Conference.

He was to be here. We promised to put him on between 9:00 and 9:30. I feel that we should not keep him waiting longer to bring greetings. We can return to this report, if that is the wish of the body.

Bishop Raines called upon Bishop Thomas M. Pryor, of the Chicago Area, and host Bishop of the Conference to present Mayor Daley.

Mayor Daley Presented—Bishop Thomas M. Pryor

Bishop Pryor: President Raines, members of the General Conference: I have a very pleasant task today to welcome you to the Chicago Area and to present to you the Mayor of our great city.

I will try to make my part of the welcome as brief as I can if it will not in any way interfere with the warmth of the welcome.

I simply remind you that the first time the General Conference met in Chicago was nearly a hundred years ago. It was in 1868.

At that time, the big discussion was whether or not we would admit laymen into the Conference as voting members.

It took a long time to settle that issue. Actually, the first time that laymen met as members of the General Conference was when the Conference came back to Chicago in 1900.

Now, that is a long time to settle an issue, but let me just lift this one out, if I may.

When the first General Conference was held here in 1868, one of the fraternal delegates was a man by the name of the Rev. R. Dubs, D-u-b-s. Later, he was Bishop of the Evangelical Association.

He, together with the Rev. T. G. Cluell, appeared before a General Conference and pled almost on bended knee that the Evangelical Association and The Methodist Church unite. This was in 1868.

The General Conference did the thing the General Conference so frequently does. It appointed a committee to bring back a report on union. The report was to be given the next year.

I do not find anything more than the fact that the committee filed a report.

But let me remind you of one other incident.

It was in the City of Chicago that the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church met in 1911, to perfect their form of merger, giving us the United Evangelical Church.

Now, at that conference, the first time, 1911, there appeared two bishops of the United Brethren Church.

They were Mr. Matthews—Bishop Matthews and Bishop Wheatley. They appealed to the two evangelical groups that they make it a three-way merger.

Now, brethren, that took till 1946. They did not come back to Chicago to do that.

I remind you that great things have been happening here and let me just simply summarize it, if I may, with this little observation.

Over in the western part of this Conference, we have a little city called Ohio—Ohio, Illinois.

We have a very thriving church there and a very excellent rapport with that congregation and that community, but it is a community of less than one thousand. You are apt to miss it as you go by on either one of the two state highways. It is a small but impressive community but you are apt to miss it.

But a highway leading into that city is dominated by a large sign. The sign says, "Enter with anticipation."

I hope you enter the City of Chicago with anticipation in this Conference which we hope will be historic and will go down in the record as the one where great things were done in responding to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Now, I thought the very best way I could introduce a good Roman Catholic Mayor to a Methodist Conference was to read from the *Christian Science Monitor*.

I am happy to read here excerpts from the *Christian Science Monitor*, a recent issue, which did a definitive study on Mayor Richard J. Daley.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards. He has been cited by many good government leagues. He has been selected as the Man of the Year by many organizations. But listen to what the *Christian Science Monitor* says about the Mayor of our city.

It says that, "The City of Chicago may really at this point in history be characterized as the Daley Decade"—because more progress has come to the City of Chicago in the last 10 years than any period in its history.

The *Monitor* goes on to point out that Chicago is second to none—any city in the United States, in what has happened in terms of building, in terms of new industry, in terms of progress and growth.

The *Monitor* says, "No one questions Richard J. Daley's loyalty to his family, his church and his city. He works hard to help Chicago grow. He is certainly brave as well as deeply reverent."

The *Monitor* quoted William A. Peterson, chairman of the United Air Lines, as saying: "The Mayor is a man of action. When he makes up his mind something is good, he's like a bulldog until it's accomplished."

He said, "The Mayor was largely responsible for the O'Hare Airport development and the progress which has made Chicago the number one city in this respect."

In the same publication, Fairfax M. Cone, advertising executive and civic leader said, "The Mayor is a plain man, a modest man, a man with a very strong heart as well as a strong will."

Mayor Daley's own summarization of his administration has been stated in these words: "We can only be proud of our leadership as a city if we continue to lead."

I am happy to present to you his honor, Richard J. Daley.

The Conference gave the Mayor a standing ovation.

Mayor Daley Addresses the Conference

Mayor Daley: Thank you very much, Bishop Pryor. Council of Bishops, delegates, ladies and gentlemen:

As Mayor, on behalf of our people, I am happy to welcome to Chicago this General Conference of The Methodist Church.

In the first meeting of your General Conference in Chicago, in 1868, there was the issue of Reconstruction. In 1900, it was the issue of the question of lay representation.

And now, another historic decision, that of unification; and certainly, in this urban and materialistic world of ours where there is a great challenge to the values and ideals which have been established and nourished by religious beliefs, there is need for unity.

There are many ways of approaching the important issues that face our nation and our people.

Some groups believe that the repetition of the problem leads to its solution, so they continually reiterate over and over again the basic ills in our society.

These groups seldom offer any programs in which to meet these conditions.

They may make a contribution as far as continually focusing attention on the goals that could be achieved but they do little in terms of positive programs to help solve the difficult problems that they complain about.

Here, in Chicago, as in all parts of the nation and the world, The Methodist Church is making positive contributions through realistic programs.

Here is the Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital, the Marcy and Newberry Social Service Centers, Bethany Home and Hospital, the Methodist Old People's Home, the Lake Bluff Children's Home, the Methodist Youth Service, and many others.

Under Bishop Pryor's leadership, challenging new programs are being initiated and programs that will further meet the needs of the people.

Again, I would like to publicly thank Bishop Pryor. During the critical and crucial days in Chicago, there was no one who gave more of his time and himself and his associates to try to find the answer to

some of the difficult social problems which confront Chicago and every city in the United States and every city in the world, than Bishop Pryor.

The people of Chicago are grateful and thankful to him and his fine associates for the wonderful work they did last summer.

Here, in Chicago, the city is carrying on many programs. We are moving on many fronts. We have programs to provide jobs, to train the unskilled, to improve education, to give greater health service and to better the environment.

To achieve these programs, national and state government provide directions and assistance but it is only on the local level, it is only in the neighborhoods themselves that the inspiration, the leadership and the work to realize these programs can be achieved.

This is where the churches can make their greatest contribution for it is those of you who are here today that have the greatest contact, the greatest understanding of the needs of the people, of their hopes and their ambitions.

It is the churches that must inspire the genuine support, the co-operation and understanding that is our greatest source of strength.

The true vitality of Chicago, as of every other city, is its people. The foundation of the neighborhood and community welfare is in the home and in the church. It is from these institutions that the strength of the people is derived. There are no substitutes for their guidance and wisdom.

There is no community redevelopment program, no industry or business expansion project, no public works plan, no urban conservation program that can lead to better living without the conservation and continued building of our spiritual services.

This is your purpose this week.

As Mayor, again, I want to congratulate all of you for the spirit that is being manifested at this meeting.

It is this spirit that can make all of us look forward with confidence to a better society.

Again, congratulations on this very fine Conference.

Bishop Raines Responds

Chairman Raines: Mayor Daley, on behalf of the General Conference, I want to thank you heartily for your cordial welcome.

We recognize you as a loyal and devout Roman Catholic layman.

We join you in revering the memory of Pope John and the continuing labors of Pope Paul which are making it possible for our two bodies of Christians to come closer together, in worship, in understanding, in sympathy and in labors together for the Kingdom of God.

Henceforth, may our only competition be in our endeavor to be obedient in the mission to which Christ has called his church and in seeking the unity for which Christ prayed.

Your coming to us on election morning is like a minister acceding to the requests of a young couple to be married just prior to the Sunday morning service on budget Sunday.

This, indeed is going the second mile.

The Democratic group of this body will hope that you will be rewarded today by a favorable turnout.

The Republican contingency of this group will hope that you will be rewarded but in the future life.

Question Relative to Vote Required—Alfred Holte

Alfred Holte (Pacific Northwest—W): Dr. Parlin, you stated that a two-thirds vote was all that was required to adopt by this General Conference the proposal for the Constitution, Unit #1, yet on page 9

under Section 3 of the printed material that was sent to us, Article 1, Restrictive Rules, it states that:

"The General Conference shall not revoke, alter or change our Articles of Religion or Confession of Faith."

Now, the "or Confession of Faith" is not in our original Constitution and this would take a three-fourths vote. Isn't that true?

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): I have had more controversy as I have ridden the circuit on this business of amendment than almost any other.

Read it carefully. The difference between a two-thirds vote and a three-quarters vote applies only to Annual Conference votes.

The vote in our General Conference in any event is two-thirds.

The restrictive rule applies to the second stage; namely, the votes in the Annual Conferences and should the Judicial Council rule that there is an impingement of restrictive rule, we will pass this problem to them, if our vote is affirmative on the Constitution, whether as the Constitution makes the rounds of the Annual Conferences, two-thirds or three-quarters is required.

Here, we are only dealing with the two-thirds. Thank you.

Motion to Refer—Lee C. Moorehead

Lee C. Moorehead (Ohio—NC): I would like to move—I suppose this is an amendment to this report of the Agenda Committee—that the report of our special committee to study the ministry for this quadrennium be referred for consideration to the Legislative Committee on the Ministry so that we will have that before us during our sessions.

Therefore, if the Conference would refer this to us, we would be permitted then to consider that in our deliberations as a part of the total consideration for the ministry in this Plan of Union.

Motion to Reconsider—John H. Rixse, Jr.

John H. Rixse, Jr. (Virginia—SE): Some of us, myself included, are concerned by some votes. As a person who voted in favor of delaying for twenty-four hour action on Section 6 on, I would like to move reconsideration of that vote for the sole purpose of permitting us to act independently on Paragraph 6(c).

The motion was seconded and the previous action on Paragraph 6 of the Agenda Committee report was reconsidered.

John H. Rixse, Jr. (Virginia—SE): I move that we exclude Section (c), include that in our action, and delay all other sections of Section 6.

The motion was seconded and the Conference voted to exclude Section (c) of Paragraph 6 in the action to defer.

Previous Question—George W. Richards

George W. Richards (Kansas—SC): moved the previous question, which was voted. (DCA, page 818.)

Agenda Committee Report as Amended—Adopted

The report of the Agenda Committee as amended was adopted. (DCA, page 818; see Appendix, page 2910.)

Motion to Suspend Rules—John Herr

John Herr (Philadelphia—NE): Since we are in Adjourned Session, we are operating under the Rules of Order as perfected at Pittsburgh and given in your *Handbook*.

However, I think we should suspend Rule Number 33 and 34 which would necessitate the printing of reports in the *Daily Christian Advocate* twenty-four hours prior to discussion and voting, and I so move that we suspend the Rules 33 and 34.

The motion was adopted. (DCA, page 818.)

Agenda Committee Report—J. Otis Young—Report No. 2—Adopted

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference, the second report of the Agenda Committee is found on the front page of your *Daily Christian Advocate*. I would move its adoption.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 818; see Appendix, page 2915.)

Nomination From Council of Bishops—Bishop Roy H. Short

Bishop Roy H. Short, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, reported the nomination of G. Wesley Lewis (Wyoming—NE) to the Committee on Presiding Officers in place of Miss Margaret Currie who inadvertently was named to two Administrative Committees.

The nominee was elected.

Recess Taken

A ten minute recess was taken by the Conference.

Episcopal Address—Bishop Roy H. Short

Bishop Raines: Members of the General Conference: From the first delegated General Conference of The Methodist Church in the United States, in, I believe 1912 until now, it has been the custom of Methodism to present an Episcopal Address at the beginning of the General Conference. One of the bishops is elected by ballot to this high honor and responsibility. While written by one individual, it is discussed, and sometimes, from the point of view of the writer, badly mutilated, so that the message, as delivered, has the endorsement of the Council of Bishops.

The writer deserves and has the gratitude of the Council.

Bishop Roy H. Short was chosen for this important task. He has served as Bishop of the Florida and Nashville Areas, and is at present Resident Bishop of the Louisville Area.

I am sure that my colleagues in the Council will wish me to express to him in your presence, our deep gratitude for the remarkable wisdom, effectiveness and devotion with which he has served as Secretary of the Council for the last ten years.

He is, in a way, a human computer into whose files and memory almost everything important that happens in the church eventually comes, and is carefully stored for future use. Bishop Short is president of the Board of Missions. He is a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches, and the Central Committee of the

World Council of Churches, and the Committee which will, later this morning, make its report on the Methodist-E.U.B. union. His leadership is felt in a dozen other aspects of the Kingdom's able leaders.

It is an actual fact that his will be the shortest Episcopal Address in Methodist history; and, because of the remarkable events that may take place this week, it may be the longest remembered and the most appreciated.

Will you join me in welcoming Bishop Short for the Episcopal Address?

Bishop Roy H. Short.

The Episcopal Address was delivered by Bishop Roy H. Short. (See Journal, page 2536.)

Bishop Raines: Members of the General Conference, it is the custom for the presiding officer to indicate the appropriate sections of the Episcopal Address which should be referred to those Legislative Committees to which they naturally belong, and I do so indicate.

Ad Hoc Committee Report—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Raines: If you will take now, please, the agenda for today, on the front of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and look at your watch, you will discover we are approximately fifty minutes behind the order which was anticipated. I believe that we can complete the business suggested and essential for this morning's session, if we will hear the two committees' reports, asking questions which are pertinent to clarification, but seeking to reserve arguments pro and con to subsequent plenary sessions, unless there is a motion which is deemed absolutely essential.

I call now upon Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, who is Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Plan of Union, for his presentation. Bishop Wicke.

While he is coming, this committee has put days and days of time without any comment as to how you should vote upon it. I think you would all want to thank this committee for the work they have done.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke: Mr. Chairman, my colleagues in the ministry, my friends in the laity, and all others, there will necessarily be some repetitive material in this report. We beg your indulgence.

As you know, we are here by the mandate of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, which met in the noble city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the year 1964.

After considerable debate, that Conference agreed to adopt the then proposed Plan of Union, with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, in principle.

We agreed to meet again for the purpose of reviewing and acting upon questions of church union. We would meet in the month of October, the year 1966, at the time, and, if practicable, at the place of the Evangelical United Brethren 1966 General Conference.

We agreed that the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church presented, together with such amendments and the record of General Conference discussion and debate as might come before us, that these be referred to the proper commission for further study and discussion with the Evangelical United Brethren Commission on Church Union.

This proper commission was requested to bring a perfected Plan of Union to the 1966 special session, for review and action.

It was further agreed that if the Plan of Union is adopted by the requisite votes of the 1966 Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren

General Conferences, it shall immediately be sent to the Annual Conferences of the two churches for adoption.

Now, in this hour, that Committee appears before you, striving to vindicate your confidence in its willingness to labor and to bring a report of the entrusted stewardship.

These days represent one more act in a drama which began at the famous Christmas Conference of 1784. How often have we been reminded during this year of celebration that William Otterbein, a missionary of the Reformed Church in America, shared in the consecration of Francis Asbury through the laying on of hands.

Otterbein was elected a bishop with the newly organized church, in 1800, and it was known as the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Years later, when Otterbein ordained Christian newcomers, he requested the presence of a Methodist minister, so that he might participate in the ordination.

William Browland was chosen and joined in the ceremony.

Closely paralleling these events, Jacob Albright and a group of friends organized the newly-formed Methodist Conference. Within a decade, discovering more hospitality from Asbury and other Methodists, its name was changed to the Evangelical Association.

At fairly regular intervals the so-called German Methodists, who had found shelter under separate organizational tents, would consult with their Methodist friends, looking toward union. The committee to which Bishop Pryor referred really should have a little better memory than he provided, for it did set itself to a task, and in the year 1871, the churches voted on merger.

The Methodists passed it by the margin of one vote. This gave the dissidents heart and it intimidated the willing unionists. The negotiations were stalemated again.

In the year 1946, the latter two streams became one. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam attending the event as a fraternal delegate from The Methodist Church, reminded the congregation that the next logical step for both groups, the one he represented and the newly formed Evangelical United Brethren Church, was to move together. Thereupon, both established commissions looking toward that end.

To many, it appears as though this courtship continuing over a period of 172 years, even given those normal breaks common to courting lovers, should find resolution on this contemporary scene. And to this hope for consummation of as much of it as the law will permit at this point, we ask your careful and prayerful attention.

The Joint Commission, consisting of nineteen members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and eighteen members of The Methodist Church, accepted the mandate of the Pittsburgh Conference with alacrity. It set itself to the continuing task with careful attention.

It recalled the preparatory studies which had given substance to the Plan of Union presented to the Pittsburgh Conference. It considered the discussions which occurred during the morning of May 7, 1964. It broadened the base of its consulting membership as it coopted more than 120 aids, representing all the facets of the life of our church.

It eagerly sought the interested and concerned observations of the worldwide Methodist family.

The harvest of these endeavors was the Plan of Union. Five months earlier, mandated by that General Conference, this instrument was mailed to all the delegates of this Conference, April 1, 1966.

Taking into account the suggestions which have come to the commissioners as the church studied the document, addendum material was forwarded to you some weeks ago. More will be provided in this

meeting, including that so important document titled, "Enabling Legislation."

Now, the Plan proposes not an organizational merger, which would find prudential hospitality on the marketplace. We trust it provides an opportunity for the strengthening, the ennobling of the living body of Christ.

Much has been made of the similarities which attract us to each other: our beginnings, our doctrines, our polity, our common social concerns, our current affinities on the international scene.

These characteristics cannot be discounted, but neither are they definitive. They may grant strategic identities, but they are not necessarily the Open sesame to greater obedience to the will of Christ for our time.

It is this obedience to His will which we have tried to serve, and it is in that spirit that we present the Plan.

Let us examine it a bit more carefully. It consists of four major divisions:

Part I, The Constitution; Part II, Doctrinal Statements and The General Rules; Part III, Social Principles; Part IV, Organization and Administration.

Scanning these briefly and in reverse order, Part IV, titled "Organization and Administration" can be likened unto that part of the body of the present Methodist *Discipline*, which is titled "Part II."

The Commission suggests that consideration of this part of the Plan be postponed until agreement has been reached in our consideration of Part I, The Constitution.

Part III, titled "Social Principles," includes the Methodist Social Creed and the Evangelical United Brethren beliefs regarding social issues.

These two statements have been placed in disposition to rescue them from the shadowed confines and the relative oblivion of an appendix. We believe they are worthy of this location.

Part II, titled "Doctrinal Statements and The General Rules" includes The Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church, plus the additions which came to us out of our earlier union, The Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the General Rules of The Methodist Church. Concerning Parts II and III, the Enabling Legislation will make pertinent suggestions, and I plead with you, read this legislation at the earliest possible opportunity and with care.

Now, then, it is to Part I, The Constitution, that we direct your primary and immediate attention. We should be reminded that our Evangelical United Brethren friends gather the majority of their discipline together under the title, "Constitutional Law."

It includes in their current *Discipline*, Paragraphs 1 to 483.

For Methodists, the Constitution includes only Paragraphs 1 to 48, including the several amendments.

The remainder of our *Discipline* treats primarily of organization and administration.

The Constitution before us more closely resembles the Methodist Constitution than that of the Evangelical United Brethren. Both of our documents provide order, guidance, cohesion, and genuine freedom for their churches.

We pray this instrument will be considered not only in the light of history, but in keeping with the contemporary demands made upon the Body of Christ, as we understand these demands.

Like the present Methodist *Discipline*, this Constitution maintains representative church order through three branches of responsibility: Conferences with legislative responsibility and power; executives

with administrative responsibility; courts for the distribution of justice.

That balance of power which is so dominant a factor in the ongoing life of our federal government finds an apt and a convincing parallel in this document.

Methodists acquainted with the Constitution that was created by our earlier union will find themselves at home in this instrument.

It may be wise to call specific attention and to consider certain variances, which you may wish to discuss.

Division One of the Constitution. The name shall be "The United Methodist Church."

The Commission remembers the discussion of the last General Conference at this point, which requested the name "The Methodist Church" be retained. The Commission continued discussion of this matter and, in the light of the total situation, returns to this Conference respectfully requesting your renewed consideration in the adoption of the name "The United Methodist Church."

Such an adoption, we believe, would provide a genuine and integral sense of union in the entire community, which we serve.

In this same early division, two new articles, to be designated as IV and V, have been added. They are in your possession.

Article IV treats with the nature of the inclusive church. Article V, titled, "Ecumenical Relations," notes with brevity certain characteristics of our relations as a universal church.

Division Two, Organization. The structure is identical with that presently obtaining in The Methodist Church, with the addition of the Charge Conference for each church mentioned specifically. This designation is more inclusive and more descriptive than earlier nomenclature.

General Conference legislation suggests slightly wider latitude in the number attending the Conference and makes direct provision for a special session.

It also provides for the computing of membership to the General Conference on a two-factor basis; a more equitable arrangement, we believe, the lay and clerical composition of the Annual Conference considered; and, in this same division, to the legislative powers of the General Conference is added a new section.

Article IV, Section 14, concerns securing of the rights and privileges of church members, regardless of race or status.

Concerning certain of the criticisms that have come to us—but first, may I revert again to the document primarily Division Two and an addendum section.

Section IV, deals with Jurisdictional Conferences and the convening of them, each on the same date as the others.

This was made possible by the adoption of an amendment to this effect, sent down to the churches by the last General Conference.

Division Two, Section VII, treats with the Annual Conferences, and it includes the provision that for a period of twelve years following union, Annual Conferences shall not have their names or boundaries changed without their consent and during such period, Annual Conferences formerly of the Evangelical United Brethren Church may, in electing delegates to the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conferences and the superintendents of districts continue their time-honored methods.

Now, Division Three, titled, "Episcopal Supervision," continues the historic pattern of the people called Methodists, in election, in life tenure, and in the consecration of their Bishops.

The transfer of bishops from one jurisdiction to another is simplified and clarified, regularizing it according to the amendment adopted in Pittsburgh and subsequently ratified by the several conferences.

Now, the remainder of the Constitution is substantially in agreement with the one in our current *Discipline*. Quite naturally, there are those who criticize this new document on many scores, and not only the instrument, but the enterprise of union itself.

We are told union is desirable, but not apart from involving a larger number of denominations in the process of union. We are told union is desirable, but the legislation we present hardly suggests evidence of fundamental renewal and apart from renewal, all our efforts are vain.

By suggesting the inclusion of two doctrinal statements and two social creeds, we are told, the Commission gives evidence that it has either not taken these documents seriously or it has not done its homework with studious and prayerful application.

It has been said the Commission did not deal forthrightly with the practice of racial segregation within the church.

There are those, as well, who fear certain economic hazards. They believe these have not been given the hedges of security, which they demand.

Others remind us that we should have given wider and more particular consideration to structural changes and consequent simplification in the general organization of both churches, but in particular, in The Methodist Church.

A careful evaluation of these and other criticisms suggests that the majority of them deal with administration and organization. The Commissioners believe, as you have been reassured this morning, that alterations may be made in the interval between our hope for affirmative vote in this place and the General Conference in 1968, in Dallas, that is, in organization and administration.

Part Four. Concerning the criticism that we have not dealt forthrightly with the will of the General Conference and the stance of the church in eliminating the Central Jurisdiction, let us remember the General Conference provided an orderly procedure to meet this demanding matter.

It directed the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations to concern itself with interracial developments during this quadrennium, looking toward the complete and total liquidation of the Central Jurisdiction.

It further mandated the Commission reporting immediately following this report that if the Central Jurisdiction had not been liquidated by this date and later, by the date of September 1, 1967, it was to mobilize its members and present a report to the 1968 General Conference, looking towards that desired end.

It requested, as you have been told, the Commission to provide a progress report to this session of the General Conference. This will be done.

In keeping with this carefully detailed procedure mandating the General Conference, the Commission has made provision for five geographic jurisdictions and made detailed constitutional provisos concerning them.

We believe any other resolution of the problem should be made through those procedures suggested by the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations.

This Conference, quite naturally, is its own master, but we suggest, having heard the Commission, we permit that body to be your obedient servants at this time.

For many, the assurance that union is greatly to be desired is followed by the eclipsing and almost paralyzing words "but not now."

The Commissioners find themselves in disagreement. We have labored honestly and earnestly in striving to be your faithful stewards. We firmly believe this is the hour of decision and determination.

In our laboring, we have found a joy-laden sense of renewal among

ourselves, as Joint Commissioners. This joy, we would hope, the churches will venture to share with us.

Many of us were heartened by the word of an illustrious member of this fellowship. He wrote:

"If we Methodists are at all serious about the cause of Christian unity, we will never have a more auspicious opportunity than this proposed merger with the Evangelical United Brethren Church."

It is a project that threatens no drastic breach or basic change in either church's traditions. It offers obvious advantage to both parties.

If we fail in this venture, our prospects for doing better in more complicated and difficult ecumenical undertakings are poor indeed.

If, on the other hand, we succeed with this, even partially, the experience of union ought to increase our ecumenical know-how and momentum.

This merger, then, must go through. The Commission prayerfully hopes this is prophetic and we trust this Conference will not fragment itself in striving to obtain those details of structure which other General Conferences have refused to ratify.

Let us give ourselves to a careful consideration of the Constitution before us, together with that important enabling legislation and then be on our way to another day.

We would not maintain the document is perfect. We do believe that together we can achieve a more perfect union. This is the kind of holy gamble, or as you were admonished in the worship hour this morning, this daring "yes."

It is this which we believe the spirit would have us make. We believe that embarking on this adventure is in keeping with sincere obedience to the commands of the Spirit. In this way, in this obedience, we believe we will be traveling towards the perfection which is dictated by the love we seek, the love that we know in Jesus Christ who is our Lord. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Ad Hoc Committee Report Referred—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the Plan of Union to the committees as recommended by the Committee on Reference; and if I have a second, I will make a brief explanation.

Bishop Raines: It is seconded, variously.

Charles C. Parlin: The recommendation of our Committee on Reference is found on page 757 of your morning *Advocate*. This is designed to assign to the committees as therein stated, all sections of the Constitution and other materials. The work of the committees will vary from committee to committee. Take, for instance, committee number one on Social Concerns, will find itself with no section of the Constitution, because they are not a constitutional body, but they will find themselves with Part 3 of the Social Doctrine, and a whole section of Part 4 dealing with the structure of the Commission on Social Concerns.

On the other hand, Standing Committee no. 2 on Conferences will find themselves reviewing a very large body of constitutional proposals. In all cases, petitions, which have come in will go to the Legislative Committee as indicated. I call attention to the fact that our General Conference has procedure for correcting errors in this matter, and if a particular committee finds itself with petitions or sections which they think are not applicable to them, they refer it back to the Committee of Chairmen, who rearranges them. Conversely, if the Committee finds itself without an assignment of something they think they should be entitled to work on, that item can also be taken

up and the matter reviewed and transferred to that committee if that is the proper procedure.

The motion to refer was adopted. (DCA, page 822.)

Bishop Raines called attention to the fact that it was 12:00 o'clock and requested guidance from the Agenda Committee as to procedure.

Motion to Extend Time—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): As Chairman of the Committee on Jurisdictional Relations, I move the extension of time. I believe that we can do what needs to be done by 12:15.

The motion was seconded and the time was extended.

Matter of Special Privilege—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE): This is a matter of special privilege. We have a delegate, a fraternal delegate who will not be here tomorrow and this is the last opportunity we will have to present him and I ask five minutes so that he may be presented to you.

The Bishop assured *Dr. Wagner*, Chairman of the Fraternal Delegate Committee, that this would be done before adjournment.

Report of Committee on Interjurisdictional Relations—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, and fellow delegates, I just abandoned a pretty good speech, but somehow or other we are going to get through by 12:15 or mighty close to it with what we do now.

Our report is in three parts; first we have a Progress Report, which is a recital of the very substantial and the very important and the very wonderful progress that we have made since we met in Pittsburgh in 1964. It is our thought that this portion of our report can be presented this morning.

It calls for no action. We are simply going to ask that it be received and approved.

That portion of our report is to be presented by *Dr. D. Trigg James*, who is the secretary of our Commission and our Administrative Secretary and a man who probably has labored longer and harder in this field than any of the rest of us.

Then they assigned to me the noncontroversial part of the report where we came up with recommendations and resolutions, although there is a possibility that there may be some comments, or even perhaps some proposed amendments. Obviously we cannot go into that this morning.

The third part of our report relates to financial considerations, primarily directed to matters of pension and minimum salary support. And that was to have been presented to us this morning by Mr. George Atkinson, who is the vice-chairman of our Commission, but I am afraid his speech is going to have to be held.

The one thing we did want to do right now, and I am taking it out of order, is make the motion that Mr. Atkinson would have made after he had explained that portion of the report.

It deals with technical matters, pensions and minimum salaries. We feel that it should be referred to the Committee on Conferences and the Council on World Service and Finance.

And we were quite anxious—if we had only one minute today, to at least have that referral made so that the Committee and the World Service and Finance Council can begin work and consider the items that we are presenting to you—that we ask you to refer to them.

Consequently I will now move that Section 3 of our report, that relating to financial considerations, be referred to the Committee on Conferences and the Council on World Service and Finance.

Section 3 of the report was referred.

Progress Report Presented—D. Trigg James, Sr.

D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston—SE): Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference, honored bishops and guests, if you will turn to the *Daily Christian Advocate*, please, to page 764 or page 24 in parentheses, the portion of the report for which I am responsible is in print. A lot could be said. The first portion of that section, column one and column two, tells the story of the beginning concern and the developing concern in The Methodist Church about racial segregation, structures of segregation in The Methodist Church.

The beginning of action started really in 1956, when after long and arduous work by the Committee on Conferences, Amendment IX to the Constitution was prepared and presented and adopted with an overwhelming majority by the General Conference and subsequently overwhelmingly ratified in each jurisdiction.

This Amendment IX became a part of the Constitution and is now in the Constitution until union takes place.

We hope it won't be needed, most of it, then.

The first column on page 765 tells the story of the continuing work. A few Negro churches were transferred into other Conferences, but Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction came to feel that it was better to transfer either districts or Annual Conferences because of the consequent loss to the Annual Conference of the transfer out of stronger churches in the Central Jurisdictional Conference.

In 1960 considerable debate took place on the floor of the General Conference concerning Amendment IX and whether or not some type of mandatory action should be taken by the General Conference.

This was not done because the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations felt that sufficient time had not been had to really put Amendment IX and the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction into great effectiveness.

A commission was appointed and the continuation of a work in 1960 to 1964 witnessed the transfer of some churches and preliminary plans for the transfers of Annual Conferences into the Northeastern and the North Central Jurisdictions.

So that actually we begin at the bottom of column 2 page 765, to see what has transpired since 1964. Without trying to read, I think I can recount what has happened in a very few words.

The Baltimore and—what is the other Conference—Delaware Conference, Washington and Delaware Conference, transferred into the Northeastern Jurisdiction, remained for a year as separate Conferences and in 1965 were merged with the Annual Conference therein.

The Lexington Conference, the portion in the North Central Jurisdiction, was transferred into the North Central Jurisdiction, and merged with the Conferences in which the churches were located. Bishop Prince Taylor was transferred to the Northeastern Juris-

diction and appointed to the New Jersey Area. Bishop James S. Thomas was transferred to the Iowa Area.

So there remains in these two Jurisdictions, and also in the Western Jurisdiction, no church formerly related to the Central Jurisdiction, apart from the Annual Conferences, in which they lie.

There are no separated churches.

In 1964 and 1965 the Councils of the South Central Jurisdiction and the Central Jurisdiction worked out a resolution by which all of the five Conferences of the Southwestern Area might be transferred into the South Central Jurisdiction and that the Southwest Conference might be transferred and merged with the Missouri East and the Missouri West.

The latter received sufficient votes by all concerned, and this has been effected.

The four remaining Conferences in the Southeast did not receive the approval to transfer into the South Central Jurisdiction by seven of the Central Jurisdiction Conferences east of Mississippi, though the Mississippi Conference did vote in favor of this, and you will find these recorded votes in the second column on page 766.

The Southeastern and the Central Jurisdiction Advisory Councils have met repeatedly to attempt to work out a resolution for the transfer of the Central Jurisdiction Conferences lying in the Southeastern region into the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

They failed to achieve a satisfactory resolution to be approved by both Councils.

However, the Southeastern Jurisdiction Advisory Council took the resolution which had been largely agreed upon, not finally, but seriatim, by the two advisory councils accepting a target date, and voted a resolution in all of the Annual Conferences as you will see recorded on page 767, at the top of the page, requesting the transfer of the Central Jurisdiction Conferences into the Southeast, and the same resolution provided that any individual Annual Conference thereafter might merge without further action.

The next two sections are exceedingly important. The Virginia and the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conference Advisory Council in consultation with the advisory council of the North Carolina and the Virginia Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction worked out a common resolution which was voted on successfully by the three conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in the North Carolina-Virginia Conference, which vote you will see recorded in the second column on page 767.

The Judicial Council was requested to decide whether or not each of the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction must have a two-thirds majority vote.

One Conference failed any two-thirds majority, but the three Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction voted almost unanimously for their transfer and merging.

Somewhat similar action was taken by the Holston, the Tennessee and the Memphis Conferences, though the same resolution was not voted by those three Conferences, requesting the transfer of the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference into the Southeastern Jurisdiction and merging subsequent to transfer with those three Conferences. The Kentucky and Louisville Conferences, though it is not mentioned here, had previously before 1964 taken action requesting the transfer of the individual churches of the Lexington Conference lying in Kentucky into the two Conferences, there. This has not been accomplished.

The steps of transfer of these, the North Carolina-Virginia Conference, and the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference, has not been consummated because the resolution was voted upon later than some of the Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences met and so it has not

been approved by the Central Jurisdiction Conferences. Action which is presented in the following report when it comes to you, is designed to effectuate these transfers that are now ready with votes approving on both sides and to effect the further action to transfer all of the Central Jurisdictional Conferences remaining in the South Central and in the Southeastern end of the regional Jurisdiction, so that when we come to the General Conference of 1968 this shall be an effected thing. We shall have no more at that time a Central Jurisdiction and pray God it will take place!

I move the acceptance and adoption of the progress section of our report, Section 1.

The motion was seconded and the section of the report on "Progress" was adopted. (DCA, page 825; see Appendix, page 3060.)

Fraternal Delegate Committee—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE): Mr. Chairman, Members of the Conference, there are three delegates who have been approved who are official fraternal delegates to our Conference this year. One of them is with us today. I would like to present him to you. He is a Bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, located in Columbia, South Carolina and he formerly served abroad in Africa and South America and he is a former President of Edward Waters College in Florida, and now he he representing to us the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Cary A. Gibbs. (DCA, page 825; see Appendix, page 2932.)

Fraternal Greetings—Bishop Cary A. Gibbs

Bishop Cary A. Gibbs: Mr. Chairman, Bishops of The Methodist Church, delegates, and friends: realizing I have only five minutes for a fifteen minute task, I must hurry on. I am happy to bring you greetings this morning from the African Methodist Episcopal Church for the communions of 21 bishops, 700 pastors, and a little better than a million members.

I greet you this morning in the name of Jesus Christ on behalf of this Christian body.

As Christian believers, we are one in the church of our Lord and Master, having the same ultimate purposes and objectives.

We are also a part and are affected alike by the same political, social and religious problems, the solutions to which are found only in the teachings and principles of our blessed Lord.

It is apparent all about us and on all levels of human life that this is indeed an exciting, perplexing and frustrating age in which we find ourselves today.

Paradoxes of all descriptions seem to be the order of the day. As we look for the solution for our ever increasing problems, we seem not to be certain to whom we should turn or to whom we should go.

The only direction ever given the Christian church is in the words of our Lord and Master when he said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

If Christianity were under the banner of a United Church, proclaimed and taught as it was conceived and given by its founder, the many social, moral and spiritual evils that now exist and are undermining our present social order, could not continue to exist for very long.

The unity and oneness of the Christian church is unmistakably set forth in the intercessory prayer given by our Lord and I quote: "Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father,

art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me."

In the spirit of this great prayer, on behalf of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, I come to you this morning to say that we are fully in accord with a church composed not only of the African Methodist, The Methodist Church, and the other Methodist communions, but other Christian churches, that would be an all inclusive church which might make a great impact against evils that baffle our very spirits today almost everywhere.

And in my closing words, in these few minutes allotted, I leave with you as our thinking, words of the apostle Paul, when he said to that little group of Christian believers representing the Philippian church: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise—" while we tarry here these four or five days, and then we shall go forth to the future—"—think on these things."

Agenda for Wednesday, November 9, 1966—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NE) made the following report for the agenda for Wednesday morning: Mr. Chairman, may I remind you, here are the things we would suggest for tomorrow morning, beginning at 8:30 with the devotional service, Bishop Dwight Loder as the leader, 9:30 business session, the presiding officer to be supplied by the Committee on Presiding Officers.

Then after we have heard the reports of the Committees on Journal, Credentials, and Presiding Officers and Steering Committee, we will recommend that we hear the completion of Report Number One on the agenda and the continuation of the report of the Committee on Interjurisdictional Relations.

At 10:20 we'll affix the order of the day for the hearing of the other two fraternal delegates. There are three that have been invited and two could not be here until tomorrow.

Following recess, we would continue reports from the Legislative Committee.

I would move, Mr. Chairman, that this be our agenda for tomorrow morning.

This report was adopted.

Announcements

Announcements were made by J. Wesley Hole, Secretary and *Don A. Cooke*, Treasurer.

Additional Members Named to Ad Hoc Committee—Bishop Richard Raines

Bishop Raines: This body requested that the President of the Council of Bishops should name two ministers and one layman who should be added to the Conference Committee to work with the Evangelical United Brethren similar committee: *Finis A. Crutchfield* of Oklahoma (SC) and *Reverend Nat G. Long* of North Georgia (SE) as the two ministers. And as a layman, James M. Walker, of Southwestern Texas.

Clay E. Steele, chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, secured the presence among us this morning of Mayor Daley. Would you not like to express your appreciation to him for this courtesy?

Dedication of Hymnal—Bishop Richard C. Raines

Bishop Raines: If you will approve adjournment upon the completion of the ritual, lift the hand please.

Will you take the General Conference hymnal dedication service—let's say prior to beginning it that no words can exaggerate the value of services Carlton Young rendered to The Methodist Church as editor of the *Hymnal* of 1966.

Research on the historical background of Methodist hymnology, the careful study of the hymn texts, the investigation of the history of sacred hymnology, the painstaking restudy of our Wesleyan hymnic heritage: all these researches were more carefully made than ever before in the history of our Church.

Will you express your appreciation to him?

Will you now stand and turn to the General Conference hymnal dedication service:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

In Unison: To sing praises to Thy name, O Most High,

Chairman Raines: To declare Thy steadfast love in the morning,

In Unison: And Thy faithfulness by night.

Chairman Raines: To the music of the lute and the harp,

In Unison: To the melody of the lyre.

Chairman Raines: For Thou, O Lord, has made me glad by the work;

In Unison: At the work of Thy hands I sing for joy.

Chairman Raines: We will sing the hymn, *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.

(Singing of Hymn.)

Chairman Raines: Will you be seated?

Bishop Lance Webb: Bishop Raines, and dear friends, we come to this high moment; we are all indebted to the previous commission and its chairman, Bishop Edwin Voigt, for their labors. This is a hymnal which fulfills the threefold purpose expressed by the Hymnal Committee. It draws upon the rich heritage of the ecumenical hymnody, including our own Wesleyan traditions; it brings to our people for use in worship a hymnal of sufficient diversity to allow for the variety of religious experiences; and it reaches into the future to serve the religious needs of the next generation.

Since this has been a joint venture of the Commission and The Methodist Publishing House, it is now my privilege to ask Dr. Lovick Pierce to join me in the presentation of the *Hymnal* for dedication.

Dr. Lovick Pierce: The Methodist Publishing House has been pleased to share with the Commission on Worship in the planning and production of the new hymnal. We present it to the Church in the hope that it will both inspire and instruct our people in a deeper understanding of their faith and commitment to Christ.

Bishop Raines, I am happy to join with Bishop Webb in presenting this *Hymnal* to the Church for formal dedication.

Chairman Raines: On behalf of The Methodist Church, I receive this *Hymnal* and ask the Conference to join in the Litany of Dedication.

Almighty God, who hath sent forth the Good News in Jesus Christ and put into our hearts a new song.

In Unison: We offer unto Thee our sacrifice of praise.

Chairman Raines: For Thy children who through the universal language of poetry and melody have taught us to sing Thy praise,

In Unison: We offer Thee our gratitude.

Chairman Raines: For our forefathers in the faith, John and Charles

Wesley, who set the word to singing, and who gave the people called Methodists a sacred heritage of song.

In Unison: We praise Thy holy name.

Chairman Raines: For the joy Thou has kindled in the hearts of Thy children, expressing itself in song, and calling men to faith in Thy Son,

In Unison: We bless Thy name, O Lord.

Chairman Raines: For this new *Hymnal* and all whose dedicated efforts have made it possible,

In Unison: We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Chairman Raines: O Thou whose purpose is the redemption of Thy world, use this instrument to high and holy purposes that it may enable those who seek to worship Thee in spirit and in truth to express gratitude, penitence and commitment.

In Unison: We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Chairman Raines: May it cause a new song to rise from the hearts of those who dwell in cities, in the farmland and the mountains, from near and far around the earth.

In Unison: We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Chairman Raines: May this *Hymnal* provide marching music for Thy church, and may our lives be dedicated so that Thy Kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Bishop Edwin E. Voigt: Our Father, whom the generations have worshiped with a sweet accord of sounds, be pleased to accept this *Hymnal* as a means of praising Thee. Grant that its music may be a blessed benediction upon all who worship in churches everywhere. Vouchsafe that all musicians who sound its notes will peal out the harmonies of heaven, and that all worshipers who intone its lyrics will swell the grand Hallelujahs of the Heavenly Hosts; and bestow upon all Thy people who thus adore Thee, grace and help in time of need, and strength to carry Thy gospel and service to the ends of the earth. *Amen.*

(Singing of Hymn *From All That Dwells Below the Skies.*)

Bishop Voigt: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and hope through grace, confirm your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. *Amen.*

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9, 1966 MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference convened for the morning session on the second day, Wednesday, November 9, 1966 at 8:30 o'clock in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Houston Area, presiding.

Devotions—Bishop Dwight Loder (Michigan Area)

Hymn No. 55—"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" was sung.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey (President of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, read the Scripture and then led in prayer): Almighty God, Whom we in love call "our Father," we lift our hearts to Thee today in thanksgiving for all Thy kindness and love shown us. We readily admit that we have often been unworthy and undeserving of Thy bounty and Thy grace.

We ask Thy forgiveness for our love of comfort and ease, for our stiff-necked pride, for our unwillingness to accept change when it means adjusting our ideas and our lives to new situations. Today we come asking Thy guidance in all that we do.

Give us, we pray, a willingness to listen to Thy voice within our hearts and then after we have listened and heard, give us the courage to make the decisions according to the promptings of Thy voice.

We pray, Our Father, for the leaders of this world, that their minds may be lighted with Thy wisdom and their wills be guided by Thy will.

We pray for our country and for all the countries here represented by the many peoples of the world. All of these countries we love and we know are in Thy keeping.

May our objective be to serve Thee and work for the day when peace will come. We pray too for the great World Church of which we are a part, that we may become a true fellowship of believers. We do not pray selfishly but we do pray for our own great Methodist Church. May we be conscious of our oneness with all Churches? May our faith and our belief be such that we can be guided by Thy will as we work out plans together. And we pray for one another, our Father, our brothers and sisters in Christ, that walls and partitions of separation may be torn down as of old in the City of Jericho; that Thy Holy Spirit will pervade this meeting, and as mind speaks to mind, may one heart speak to another heart because we are attuned to Thee and Thy love floods our lives.

O Thou who art more ready to hear than we are to ask, grant these petitions, we pray, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Bishop Loder delivered a devotional message. (See Appendix, page 3124.)

Report of Journal Committee—William James

William James (New York—NE): Members of the Conference, the Committee on Journal has examined the Journal record for the morning session on Tuesday, November the 8th. This record is correct except for minor editorial changes, which are being made by the Journal secretary. I move the adoption.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 830; see Appendix, page 2933.)

Request for New Appointment—Robert Moon

Robert Moon (California-Nevada—W): The action of the General Conference on Tuesday asked that two local pastors be appointed to the Joint Conference Committee. But when the appointments were announced, it turned out one of them was a superintendent. Since we had asked for two local pastors, may we now ask the President of the Council of Bishops to replace the superintendent with a local pastor?

Bishop Richard Raines, President of the Council of Bishops, replied that he would be glad to substitute the name of a pastor as requested, if the body desired. This was voted.

Agenda Committee Report Adopted—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference. At the close of the session yesterday morning, you adopted a tentative agenda for this morning. There have been slight changes in that agenda, but essentially it has not been changed. The agenda which you will follow this morning is before the Presiding Officer, and I would like to move that this be the agenda for this morning. (DCA, page 830; see Appendix, page 2915.)

Bishop Martin: You heard the motion. If you favor the motion, lift the hand. Down. Opposed? It is adopted and this constitutes the agenda for the morning.

Report of Committee on Credentials Adopted—Paul M. Hann

Paul M. Hann (South Iowa—NC): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference. The Committee on Credentials has met and approved the changes made in the seating of delegates reported by the chairmen of the Annual Conference delegations at roll call Tuesday, November 8th, 1966. The delegates' names will appear in proper form in the *Journal*.

I move the adoption of this report. (DCA, page 830; see Appendix, page 2923.)

Report of Committee on Presiding Officers—Dennis Fletcher

Dennis Fletcher (Delaware—C): The Committee on Presiding Officers has selected to preside the entire morning session, Bishop Paul E. Martin. For the entire afternoon session, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley; and for the evening session, Bishop John Wesley Lord. (DCA, page 830; see Appendix, page 2935.)

Report of Committee of Chairmen—Willis Tate

Willis Tate (North Texas—SC): The Legislative Committees have met, and I think most of them have completed their work. I believe they are ready to report to you.

According to the agenda, the Legislative Committees will be reporting immediately after the recess. There are certain matters in the

Constitution that could not be referred readily to a Legislative Committee. These portions of the Constitution have been referred to the Ad Hoc Committee, and they are acting as a Legislative Committee on those parts of the Constitution such as the name and other parts that could not be handled by any standing Legislative Committee.

On page 757 in yesterday's *Daily Advocate*, you will see the list of priorities on the numbering system for the petitions. All those that are lettered "A" have to do with the Constitution and must be perfected by this General Conference. The Committees will report in the order in which you find these petitions listed on this page.

The "B" part has to do with Section 4, that of relating to organizations and administrations. It is important that these be reported, but we must perfect the Part "A", the reports of the committees, and they will report in the order in which they are listed in the *Daily Advocate* of yesterday.

We will have a meeting of all of the committee chairmen of the Legislative Committees immediately upon adjournment in room 414, and I hope the committee chairmen are ready to take their rightful places when the order is called. Thank you. (DCA, page 830; see Appendix, page 2916.)

Report No. 1—Agenda Committee Continued—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference. We will turn to page 745 in your *Daily Christian Advocate*. Page 745—I should like to make a statement or two.

While the statements are being made, I would like to ask that Dr. Charles Parlin come to the platform, since much of this portion which has been referred for consideration this morning relates to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee.

He will be here to answer the more technical questions.

Now, let me see if I can bring you up to date on just where we stand. You have approved Report Number 1 of the agenda from Items 1 through 5, inclusive. You also approved Items C of Section 6, but when you asked that this be deferred until this morning, that carried with it Item C.

Then the motion was made for reconsideration. Item C was reconsidered and voted by the approval of this Conference.

Therefore, what is before you now is everything in Report Number 1, beginning with Section 6 through the entire report with the exception of Item C of 6.

The report, Mr. Chairman, is now before the Conference. Thank you, sir.

Motion was made to adopt the report, and it was adopted. (DCA, page 842; see Appendix, page 2910.)

Report of Committee on Interjurisdictional Relations Continued—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): Due to difficulties with the mails, I understand that many of you did not receive the blue-covered report of your Commission. We do have some extra copies. If any of you want them, you may obtain them from me; but, fortunately the entire report was printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* beginning with page 764 and, consequently, I will refer to that page numbering, knowing that all of you have it available.

Yesterday, *Dr. James* reported very briefly on the remarkable and encouraging and wonderful progress that has taken place in our church in the last year and half.

We probably could have done nothing more had we so desired. We were charged only with bringing you a progress report, and we could have said these are the facts, this is what has happened; but we felt that doing that would not be fully discharging our responsibility, that you want us to bring some interpretation of that progress and some recommendations as to what it should lead toward and how we can continue forward toward the goal to which our church is committed.

And consequently we determined, not quite unanimously, to bring to you recommendations for future action and a proposed resolution for consideration by this General Conference and by the various Annual Conferences of our church. Those recommendations and the resolution begin on page 768.

And, as we say there, the very first question that we had to decide was one that has been before us again and again and again over the years as we have struggled with this major issue. That is the question whether we should proceed by voluntary action or whether we should propose mandatory legislation.

Mandatory legislation almost necessarily would mean a constitutional amendment, and this General Conference has several times considered whether we should abolish the Central Jurisdiction and whether we should dissolve the separate Negro Annual Conferences by constitutional amendment or whether we should endeavor by persuasion and by everything else in our power to bring about voluntary action.

In the past we have determined to proceed by voluntary procedures.

As we say in our report, we believe all will agree that persuasion resulting in voluntary action is preferable to compulsion. Yet, compulsion can sometimes be preferable to voluntary inaction.

We had to consider whether the time had come when we should recommend compulsion.

I think probably the determining factor was the awareness we had of rapidly developing channels of understanding and communication, and the signs we could see that in all parts of our church greater progress was being made in the last year or two than ever before.

We were so encouraged by progress and by what we believed to be the unmistakable instance of good faith, intent to finish the job, that we unanimously, in our Commission, determined to recommend continued voluntary action rather than at this time propose compulsory legislation.

I am not going to go through the recommended procedure which is set forth on 768 and in the first column of 769. We have since this was printed made some changes which I will bring to you; and therefore, some parts of this probably should be revised. But I believe that as we look at the proposed resolution and as I bring to you the changes that we have agreed upon in connection with that resolution, you will see the changes that necessarily should be made in the former part of the report.

Turning then to the resolution which begins in the first column on page 769—

May I say first there are two main principles that I cannot over-emphasize. We are seeking two things: one, we feel most strongly that The Methodist Church should solve the Methodist problem of the Central Jurisdiction and of separate Annual Conferences based on race.

We want this decided, whether or not we unite with the E.U.B. denomination.

Now don't mistake me. I am wholeheartedly and completely in favor of union with the E.U.B. Church, but I think this is something that we should decide as Methodists.

As I say, whether or not—we don't like to think of that now—but whether or not we are merging with another denomination.

The second basic principle is that we want this to be an action of the entire Methodist Church. We are not proposing something that should happen in the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the South Central Jurisdiction and Central Jurisdiction. We are trying to propose a resolution to be adopted by all jurisdictions, by all Annual Conferences; and that is something of meaning for every Annual Conference.

You can say what does this mean to the Conference in Idaho or in Maine where we don't have a vestige of the Central Jurisdiction? Oh, but, we have more vestiges of racial prejudice. We have a tremendous need everywhere for greater understanding and brotherhood and unity and a truly inclusive church.

Maybe we don't have as many of our Negro brethren in our churches in Maine and Idaho as we ought to have, but we are asking every Conference to pledge itself to the important program.

These matters of structure are superficial. The basic question is, are we one people under one God? And we ask that question in Utah and in Idaho and in Maine just as much as Alabama or Mississippi.

So, we want this to be something that is meaningful for every part of The Methodist Church so that our resolution is designed to be a statement of policy and determination by the entire Methodist Church in which every member can and should have a part.

And so we say in paragraph 1 of the proposed resolution, by its adoption "each Annual Conference, each Jurisdictional Conference, the General Conference, each College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops"—if you can think of any other body or organization, just add them in your mind—"pledge their best efforts to eliminate as soon as possible all forms of racial structure from the organization of The Methodist Church."

Don't leave out the rest of it because we are not only talking about structure: "and further pledge to do everything possible to develop greater understanding and brotherhood in all aspects of church life and work."

Paragraph number 2. "Each Annual Conference and Jurisdictional Conference which has been part of a merger . . . pledges its best efforts to work out all remaining adjustments"—for there are many—"to use the ability of both clergy and laymen wherever they can be most effective in the work of the church, and to serve all people without regard to race."

"Where such mergers have not yet been realized, each such Conference expresses its earnest determination to work toward such merger at the earliest possible date"—and here we add a sentence. "Prior to transfer, the appropriate committees of the respective Conferences involved in mergers will formulate details of merger with due consideration to redrawing of distinct boundaries, disposition of real and other properties and other matters pertinent to the merger."

We believe that has been done in the past. We are convinced it should be done.

We didn't know it was necessary, but it is well to point up that these mergers should be discussed in advance and all possible details worked out by mutual agreement.

Paragraph number 3. "Whenever such mergers hereafter take place the continuing Annual Conference will:

"a. Accept into its membership, with all the same rights, privileges, status and obligations"—obligations as well as rights—"all ministerial members"—and describing them.

Subparagraph "b. Insofar as possible," those "serving on boards and agencies of both of the merging Conferences shall" continue to "serve during the current quadrennium . . . [in] the continuing Conference, and thereafter membership in all such Conference boards and agencies shall be open to all persons on the basis of their qualifications without regard to race."

And there are some technical points there.

Subsection "c. Within the boundaries of such a continuing Conference opportunities for spiritual and intellectual growth in Christian service shall be made available to all without regard to race or color."

Subparagraph d. We ask you to delete. We put it in there because it was part of a resolution that had been worked out between merging Conferences but it can cause some confusion, some misunderstanding; and, therefore, we are deleting subparagraph d.

Paragraph 4 relates to the North Carolina-Virginia situation, and I may say this is one of the most heartening things that has happened in our church in a long time.

But these four Conferences, three of the Southeastern and one of the Central Jurisdiction, did meet. They did study. They spent long hours, and they worked out a carefully designed plan for merger which was approved by a strong majority in all four Conferences and they are ready to proceed not only with transfer from one Jurisdiction to another but with merger of Conferences.

For, brethren, I think we all know that the transfer of a Conference by itself accomplishes little if anything. If we were merely to transfer the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction into the geographic Jurisdictions and they were to remain as separate Negro Annual Conferences, my personal feeling is it would be a backward step rather than a forward one. But if that transfer leads to the early merger of Conferences and the elimination of Annual Conferences based upon race, then it is a step forward. But the second step must follow the first or the first is meaningless.

Now we change this just a little bit on the adoption of this resolution by the various Conferences.

"The North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference will be dissolved." And then strike the remaining words in that sentence; and we'll come to the reason very shortly.

Similarly in Paragraph 5, we are talking about the Tennessee-Kentucky situation. And there again we have Conferences that have been talking and that have been working out their plans for merger. And resolutions have been adopted in the Tennessee Conference and in the Memphis Conference and in the Holston Conference.

And our reports somehow or other had a paragraph left out by the printer because we intended to remind you that the Louisville and Kentucky Conferences have several times and again in 1966 expressed their readiness for such a merger.

So here again we have a situation where merger is ready, but again we ask you to strike the words "effective upon the announcement of such voting results by the Colleges of Bishops of the Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions."

Now we come to Paragraph 6, and here is where we are really getting to the change; and this may be a little difficult for you to follow, so I will go rather slowly.

"Upon the adoption of this Resolution by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in each of the Louisiana, Southwest, Texas and West Texas Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, in all of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, in all of the Annual Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction"—and now strike the next five words—strike the words "and upon the assignment of." So that we will read at this point "and in all the Annual Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction."—and then we go on, "the bishop formerly serving the Southwestern Area of the Central Jurisdiction" and you insert three words, "shall be transferred to the South Central Jurisdiction for," and you insert two words, "residential and presidential," so that it will read "residential and presidential service" and then you strike the next six words so that the sentence reads "and in all the Annual Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction, the

bishop formerly serving the Southwestern Area of the Central Jurisdiction shall be transferred to the South Central Jurisdiction for residential and presidential service."

Now you can put in the words "The Louisiana, Southwest Texas and West Texas Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction will be Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction."

Strike the remainder of the paragraph.

Now the next paragraph, number 7, is where we come to the first substitutive change which has caused the necessity of most of the others; but here I really think we have a tremendous possibility of advancing what we have been working toward.

All right, let's take a look at this one.

"Upon the adoption of this Resolution by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in each of the Central Alabama, etc. Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and in all of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and all of the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction"—strike the words "and upon the transfer to the Southeastern Jurisdiction of" so that you say "the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction" and then you pick it up again—"the bishops who are then serving the Atlantic Coast and Nashville-Carolina Areas of the Central Jurisdiction."

And once again you put in those words "shall be transferred" and then this time we already have the residence in there as well as the presidents, "for residential and presidential service."

And you put in the words, "the Central Alabama" and the other Conferences "formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction will be Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction."

And you strike the next sentence.

And now here is the really substitutive change. The last sentence in paragraph 7 is as it is printed. "The transfer" and there you insert two words, "and mergers"—"transfer and mergers of Conferences." There you add a few words, "under paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7," so that it reads "The transfer and mergers of Conferences under paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be effective upon the close of"—and here you change it a little bit—"a special session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1967, and the Central Jurisdiction will thereupon be dissolved."

Now, what we have done is to advance the date by one year for the transfer of Conferences into Southeastern and made all of these changes, these transfers, and the mergers of the North Carolina-Virginia, and Tennessee and Kentucky effective in 1967 at the close of a special session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1967.

This idea really came to us after—didn't come to us, we talked about it a good bit—but the realization that it is possible came to us after our report was first printed. It was discussed at great length by our entire Commission—I'm forgetting that day was what this week—I guess it was Monday and agreed upon.

We see no reason why this process cannot be carried through in 1967. Remember that the South Central Jurisdiction already voted in 1965 to favor the transfer of Conferences into South Central. Remember that the Southeastern Jurisdiction, by far more than the necessary two-thirds, already voted in 1966 to favor the transfer of the Conferences into the Southeastern Jurisdiction; so that if those Conferences themselves will vote to transfer, as part of this entire proposal, there is no reason why the transfer cannot be effective in 1967.

And the Central Jurisdiction dissolved when these two Conferences merged.

Now, that carries with it, of course, the thought that the remaining Conferences should be dissolved and should be merged in the very near future.

So, let's go on.

Paragraph "8: By the adoption of this Resolution by the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictional Conferences and by the Colleges of Bishops of Southeastern and South Central it is determined that beginning in 1968 the episcopal residences and Areas will be so arranged that no Area will be composed solely of Annual Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction."

We feel that this is quite important. It would be accomplishing nothing if these Conferences were to transfer into the regional Jurisdiction and then remain separate areas under Negro bishops in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdiction. We feel that that is understandable. It probably is necessary for the one year, from 1967 to the end of the quadrennium in 1968; but beginning in 1968, we feel strongly that no Area should be a separate Negro Area. We feel that one bishop who is administering the work of The Methodist Church, Negro or white, in the same geographic territory can do far more to bring about understanding and readiness and to work out a merger of Conferences than if those churches are being administered by two bishops. And so we propose that beginning in 1969 every Area of The Methodist Church should be combined in that way.

Paragraph "9: By the adoption of the Resolution the Council of Bishops evidences its readiness to transfer bishops across Jurisdictional lines in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution"—

And here is something where we're really asking our bishops to participate personally and individually and unanimously.

—"and the bishops individually affirm their readiness to serve wherever they can be of greatest use."—because we do recognize that in this process there may well be situations where it is desirable and necessary for transfers to be made across Jurisdictional lines.

Number 10 is the one that to date has aroused the greatest amount of discussion. I may say that this paragraph has been studied. We went over it, and over it, and over it, and we tried innumerable combinations of words and we came out with the very best that we could, so that I say to you that these words have been very carefully chosen to try to say just as much as we can. "By the adoption of this Resolution each Annual Conference, each Jurisdictional Conference, the General Conference, each College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops express their determination to do everything possible to bring about the elimination of any structural organization in The Methodist Church based on race at the earliest possible date and not later than the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972."

And I don't want to leave out that last sentence because we are talking about our Methodist structure. I think we must recognize that we operate beyond structure.

"They further express their earnest determination to do everything possible to develop greater understanding and brotherhood in Methodism as well as in the world."

Now, we have been asked a great deal about paragraph 10: Is this a target date such as the General Conference decided not to establish in Pittsburgh? Yes, it is a target date. Yes, we are saying that we should definitely have a goal towards which we strive. We should have a target and do everything we can possibly to do to hit it and we are setting that target at the very latest for 1972.

That is our proposed resolution. We have the recommendations. I am sorry to say that we were not quite unanimous in recommending this portion of our report.

There is a minority report that has been printed.

I intend in just a moment to move the adoption of this section of our report, and then I ask that Brother Satterfield be given the privilege of making a motion to substitute the minority report for the majority.

He says he does not intend to make any argument or speech, simply place the motion before you so we are in proper parliamentary procedure to move forward.

And, therefore, I now present to you the section entitled Roman Numeral II of our report with the proposed resolution with the amendments that I have attempted to describe and I move the adoption thereof.

The motion was seconded.

Substitute of Minority Report Moved—John C. Satterfield

John C. Satterfield (Mississippi—SE): I move that the recommendations—and resolution of the Minority Report of this Commission appearing on page 778 and Appendix C, Page 780 and 781 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of November 8 be substituted for the recommendations and resolution contained in the majority report on the basis:

1. That the recommendations of the majority be modified as recommended by the minority.

2. That paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of the Resolution of the majority as originally submitted in the report appearing in the *Advocate* be included in the resolution proposed by the minority.

3. That the words "South Central Jurisdiction" be added after the words "Southeastern Jurisdiction" in the third "Whereas" of the Resolution proposed by the minority and in paragraph number 3 of such Resolution.

If there is a second, I would like to respond briefly, not in argument but to state the main objective.

Mr. Satterfield continued: Under Rule Number Three, as the Chairman indicated, when a motion to substitute is made to substitute for an original report, under our rules it is necessary that the original report be considered, debated and perfected without argument from the minority. Thereupon the spokesman for the minority then presents their points. At that time I intend to present a full discussion of the Minority Report which then is before the body for consideration and completion.

Therefore, I believe under the rules I would not be permitted to speak at this time.

However, I do expect to speak at the proper time upon the completion of the consideration of the Majority Report when it is ready for adoption or rejection by this body.

I will now read this more slowly. I move that the recommendation and resolutions of the Minority Report, page 778, and Appendix C, pages 780 and 781 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of November the 8th be substituted for the recommendations and resolutions contained in the Majority Report on the basis:

1. That the recommendations of the majority be modified as recommended by the minority.

2. That paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 in the resolutions of the majority as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* be included in the resolution of the minority and, you note that was recommended in our report.

3. That the words "South Central Jurisdiction" be added after the words "Southeastern Jurisdiction" in the third "Whereas" in paragraph number 3 of the resolution offered by the minority appearing on pages 780 and 781 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. If you care for an explanation on that one item for the information of the body, I might do it very briefly.

The resolution as printed was designed and was adopted by the

Southeastern Jurisdiction and its Annual Conferences. Presenting it as an exhibit, it was thus admitted as originally framed.

In order to carry out the recommendations of the minority it would be necessary to include the South Central Jurisdiction in the resolution.

Question Raised—Harry Gibson

Harry Gibson (Lexington—C): I should like to ask, Mr. Chairman, if after the changes in the Majority Report particularly involved in Item 7 on page 770, are the Committee members, namely, John T. King and *Dennis R. Fletcher*, satisfied with the changes that have been made and can now accept the Report as it is given?

Reply to Question—Dennis Fletcher

Dennis Fletcher (Delaware—C): After an exchange of questions and answers with the Chairman of the Committee, *Dennis Fletcher* said: I would feel, Mr. Chairman, that with the progress that has been made in other areas of our social life, that if—that the Church ought now to begin to lead the way rather specifically and definitely, and I would hope that a date would be given when all of our Annual Conferences would be merged.

I know that we are talking now about Amendment IX, but we ought to keep in mind that Amendment IX was adopted 10 years ago and that a lot of water has gone over the dam in the last 10 years, that there are a lot of improvements, and we cannot labor today under what was true 10 years ago. We must move and come up to date.

I cannot, in all good conscience, support a resolution or a Report that would not set a definite date when this would be done.

Reply to Question—John T. King

John T. King (West Texas—C): I would like to make it very crystal clear, first, Mr. Chairman, I love this Methodist Church. I grew up in it and I have been nurtured by it. I have been helped by it. I have been able to grow as a result of this Methodist Church.

I have no desire to see our Church torn apart, but I am committed to certain Christian principles. I have been taught these things throughout my life, and I believe that they are right.

I believe that this Church has no place for segregation or any of the vestiges of segregation and I am committed to everything which is humanly possible that will bring about this result, the end of segregation in our Church.

I have voted against—at least I abstained from voting for this so-called Majority Report because I did not feel that it contained everything which it should contain.

I am certainly much more satisfied with the Report as it now appears than I was when it was printed; but as *Dr. Fletcher* has said, I do not believe that this statement—number 10, section number 10—that this is definite enough, that this is firm enough.

It has been said elsewhere that we should not attempt to confuse issues, and I agree with that.

It has been said we should make no attempt to involve the Plan of Union with the E.U.B.s with our own problems, and I agree wholeheartedly with that. I think we should solve our problems first before we approach union, and I do not believe that this, as it now appears, represents a real solution to our problem.

I don't think that the date which was suggested here is firm enough. It is a goal, yes, and I love goals. It is a target and I aim at targets; but I do not believe that this is firm enough and I have got to live with

myself and with my own conscience and until such time as this is a firm date, I am afraid I would have to vote against the report.

Amendments Proposed—Joseph E. Lowery

Joseph E. Lowery (Central Alabama—C): I would like to amend the Report as presented by the Chairman of the Commission. I would like to amend it in two places. I would like to raise this question of the Chairman, if I may, before I move the amendment.

I have copies—copies of this amendment have been mailed to delegates, and if they do not have them, I have others for distribution to delegates. That would facilitate our consideration.

The amendments that I should like to offer are contained in the document called "Proposed Amendments to the Resolution for the Elimination of Racial Structure," that portion of the Commission Report which is now before us.

Mr. Chairman, in Number 7, I have two amendments to present. How shall I proceed? Shall I make them one at a time?

Bishop Martin: I believe it would be better, one at a time, please sir. That microphone doesn't seem to be too clear. Come over here to 6, if you don't mind. Number 4?

Mr. Lowery: Roman Numeral 5 on the back page of this document, I should like to move to substitute for Number 10 in the Report:

"By the adoption of this resolution by each Annual Conference, each Jurisdictional Conference, a General Conference, each College of Bishops, and the Council of Bishops, it is determined that all necessary steps will be taken to eliminate any structural organization in The Methodist Church based on race at the earliest possible date, and no later than three months prior to the 1972 General Conference."

If I could get a second, Bishop, I would like to explain.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Lowery: The amendment to which I refer in the Commission Report is on page 770, number 10 in the Report, and Roman numeral V on the back page of the document, which was just distributed.

Let me say that we share—this document was prepared by the Central Jurisdictional Advisory Council after months and months of negotiations and consultations and discussions with the Advisory Councils of the Southeastern and the South Central Jurisdictions.

When we began these discussions, members of the Central Jurisdiction Advisory Councils insisted that 1968 should be the terminal date for segregated structures in The Methodist Church.

It was our feeling that both the spirit and letter of action taken in the 1964 General Conference would be served by the elimination of segregated Conferences by '68.

As we engaged in consultation and serious deliberation with our brethren from the Southeastern and South Central, we began to recognize that as time passed, there were problems that had to be worked out, and that we had a responsibility to understand the position of those who might not think as we do.

And so, in prayer and in what we hope was submission to the will of God as revealed in the Holy Spirit moving in our minds and in our hearts, we relented from our insistence on 1968, and said that we would recommend through our Annual Conferences, that we would accept a provision that would initiate the process beginning with the quadrennial of 1968—or in 1967, indeed, as we recommend here, and as has been accepted by the Commission—provided that the Church would say "We want segregated structures ended entirely by 1972."

And so, in the spirit of cooperation with those with whom we must

live and love in this section of our nation, we have agreed to live with this matter during the quadrennium providing definite steps are taken to terminate segregated Conferences no later than prior to the General Conference of 1972.

The reason we substitute this proposal is that, first of all, in the original report, the Majority Report of the Commission, by its own interpretation, the pledge to do everything possible to bring about elimination is a plea, is an effort to persuade and to urge and to recommend.

If you will look on page 768 of the Report of the Commission, in the 3rd paragraph, under "Recommended Procedure," the commission says that "We have decided to—" "... we should recommend, persuade and urge. . . ." It is our feeling that the church of Jesus Christ, and that part of it called "Methodist," would want to go on record as translating into D its constant commitment to the ideals of Christian brotherhood in the Christian church.

And so, we urge this General Conference to go on record as adopting our Roman numeral V as a substitute for 10, which definitely determines that following the transfer of these conferences in '67—and this was our suggestion to the Commission that we saw no need to wait until '68; that we were willing to transfer in '67 so that we could come with clean hands to the merger with E.U.B. in '68, provided the church would say that "Now you have acted in good faith, we act in good faith by saying that you will not suffer the humiliation of staying in a segregated Annual Conference and second-class status in the church, beyond the quadrennium which begins in '68 and ends in 1972."

We beg your support of this substitute amendment.

Speaks Against Amendment—George H. Atkinson

George H. Atkinson (California-Nevada—W): I am vice-chairman of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, and we oppose this motion. It was taken up in our Commission the other day, and was thoroughly discussed and was voted down by a considerable majority vote.

Now, at the expense of doing a little repetition, please let us understand where we are.

When the original plan of action came in about in 1964, two years ago, it provided for three steps in the integration of our Central Jurisdiction Conferences.

All of us are trying for the same goal. It is just a matter as to how we do it and how we do the least damage doing it and how fast we do it. It isn't a matter of theory or eloquent addresses. I'm not a public speaker. I'm not too good at this, but the point is, there were three steps suggested. The first is the transfer of the Conferences of the Southern—Central Jurisdiction into the geographical Jurisdictions.

Now, everybody is in favor of that. South Central has voted for it; Southeastern has voted for it. And Central, so far, is holding it up, because they all want to go at once. That is their privilege, but that's where the holdup has been on the first step.

Now, the second step was that after they were in the Jurisdictions, then mergers would take place. Now, this has already been recounted. A great number of those mergers have taken place.

The third step was in the ultimate future if individual churches wanted to join, but that is not under discussion.

Now, this matter came up before this body, this same group of people here, in 1964. Mr. Allen Mayes made a motion at that time on the floor, of the 1964 General Conference, that steps 1 and 2 be taken at once. Some of us opposed it, and this Conference voted it down on the

grounds that we thought the most orderly way to go ahead was in one step at a time, because there are parts of the country that just weren't able to go as fast as others.

Now, the thing that has kept the whole matter of these Conferences from going together during these two years is that our brethren from the Central Jurisdiction have refused to accept that verdict and insist on both steps being taken at once.

I am from the West, and when I started this thing, I wasn't sure I could agree with the Southeastern viewpoint.

But, in all candor, they have done everything possible, they have offered to go ahead on the Step 1, and the holdup has been because Central has refused to go—until the Step 1 and 2 were taken at once. That's what this issue is.

I think both sides have great strength in their positions. But, we don't think that forcing a church is going to—You can't force a marriage and have it a successful one.

And, inasmuch as it is moving so fast and so successfully, we think a little time—and it was said in the Committee on Conferences last night that we've waited and waited and waited, and it's been sixteen years since anything has been done.

Now, that is not a fair statement of the facts. This thing has moved terrifically fast. The South Central has gone clear ahead of what anyone expected they would do in the last two years. Southeastern, who two years ago were not sure what they wanted to do, have agreed to the first step; and this thing, if you will let it alone, is going very rapidly.

And I, as a member of the Commission and certainly the majority, feel that we should not try to force this thing trying to say that this must be done by this date, because you can undo everything that all of us have worked so hard to do.

The situation is that, our Paragraph Number 10 in the first column on page 770, gives this reading: It says that we "express our earnest determination to do everything possible" and that we hope it will not be—We don't use the word "hope."—and it should not be later than '72.

Now, that is voluntary, but that is just the way the people from the Southeastern felt, the other day, when they said "Can't you please just give us a little more leeway?"

The Commission did not do that. We think we are on pretty good grounds, because we have the people from Central saying "It's not far enough," and we have the people from Southeastern saying "It's too far," and we think it's just about right.

And we believe—we honestly believe—with the progress that has been made, that if you can adopt our resolution, that the people from Southeastern can go home and try to get behind it. And, we think that in 1968, the thing will be accomplished; but we don't think you can do it by forcing it.

Speaks in Favor of Amendment—Harold Bosley

Harold Bosley (New York—NE): I want to support the move to substitute. I do so without any reluctance whatever. I worked on the Interjurisdictional Commission for eight years. I am familiar with the agonies that have gone into the creation of this. I am encouraged by the steps that have been taken. I am confident that we are going to achieve the goal. I see no reason why inclusion of so generous a target date as 1972 should in any way impede or slow up, let alone destroy, the process that is now under way.

Until Mr. Slutz made the explanation that Point 7 on page 770 as amended, until he made the explanation that that did not include all

of the Annual Conferences in the Central Jurisdiction, I was inclined to go along with that. But now I am in favor of the substitution that has been proposed, and I hope this General Conference will make it crystal clear, not alone to the whole church, but to the entire world that we not only believe in the process that is under way but we intend to have a terminus towards which we are going to aim achievement.

Speaks Against Amendment—J. Clay Madison

J. Clay Madison (Western North Carolina—SE): I wish to speak against the amendment.

I am from a Conference that has voted overwhelmingly for the transfer of Central Jurisdictional Conferences into the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and for immediate merger of our Conference with the North Carolina-Virginia Conference, a portion of it lying within the geographical boundaries of our Conference. Therefore, whatever is done here will not affect, I hope, anything that we are doing or expect to do.

But I feel that I would like to say that I am glad that we have taken this action in our area in the atmosphere of freedom. I am glad we did it because we thought it was right and not because we had to do it.

I think a splendid relationship will exist between the two groups as we come together because we know that they want us as a part of their Annual Conference, and we know—they know that we want them as a part of our Annual Conference. And this mutual expression of desire for fellowship is, after all, the basis of that fellowship which must exist. Those who are brought together in Annual Conferences must live and work together after this session of General Conference has closed.

Now it seems to me we are all committed to the same goal. It is a question of the process by which we arrive at that goal. I share very thoroughly with those who feel that this Conference has made up its mind to eliminate the Central Jurisdiction and we ought to get on with the job.

This General Conference has a right and a responsibility to use its influence to that end, but it is one thing to use its influence in terms of persuasion. It is another thing to use its power in terms of an order handed down.

Now it seems to me that we are likely to lose sight of the real thing we are trying to accomplish. Our real concern is not for a change in the structure of the church. Our real concern is for Christian human relationships, for that mutual acceptance of each other as equal, which, after all, makes for real Christian fellowship.

Integration can be achieved really only on the basis of mutual trust, that does not require or demand guarantees. Now I think this Conference knows that that spirit is created by a voluntary action much more readily than by coercive legislation. Therefore, I sincerely hope that we will follow the recommendations of the Majority Report. Let us commit ourselves to that and it is my hope that before 1972 these goals will be reached. But I trust every group will vote to reach these goals because they want to, because it is right, and not because they feel that they have to do it.

Order of the Day

Bishop Martin called upon *Dr. H. Hughes Wagner*, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

Bishop Bertram W. Doyle Introduced—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE): Council of Bishops, delegates of the General Conference, and friends:

It is indeed a high honor to present to you the Senior Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

Before presenting him, however, his wife is with the Bishops' Wives and I would like to present Mrs. Doyle to the group.

Mrs. Doyle, will you please stand? Thank you very much.

It is a high honor for me to present to you, this body, Bertram W. Doyle, the Senior Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church who will bring you greetings from his people. (DCA, page 859; see Appendix, page 2932.)

Response—Bishop Bertram W. Doyle

Senior Bishop Bertram W. Doyle: Thank you very much, Mr. Wagner.

Mr. Chairman, Bishop Martin, to the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, the Adjourned General Conference of 1964, greetings from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church of the shall I say the U.S.A.? I have a story to tell there which I shall at least postpone for a moment.

It is a very great pleasure and privilege to be present here again this morning after having been in Pittsburgh in 1964, presented with the fraternal delegates at that time and to be invited again to this particular Conference. I have to thank many of you for the privilege and for the honor and to say our folk, comprising some 465,000, shall we say, souls, or noses, which is the way we count it—in what we call the Southeastern Jurisdiction wish me to extend to you their very, very great pleasure, congratulations and felicitations in the hope that you may accomplish the ends to which you have set yourselves at this particular moment.

When I originally undertook to come, it was to be the uniting of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Episcopal Church or Methodist Church, as you call it now. Bishop Short, explained it to me, it was almost prior to the publishing of the bans of marriage. After you left here, the bans probably would be published. There would be no marriage, but there would be an indication whether there was to be one or not. So I at least prepared myself to congratulate you on the steps you are taking. I looked up the statistics of Evangelical United Brethren. I found they comprise something like three-fourths of a million persons in the United States, most of whom are in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. I looked at the map of the membership distribution of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and having been associated in the past twenty years with Bishop Reuben Mueller before either he or I became bishops in the respective churches, I thought I knew something about them having been at Ohio Wesleyan, and I thought I knew more about them than normally I would have because of Otterbein College at Westerville, Ohio. We often wondered why it was there.

Now there is an opportunity to say we are brethren and not enemies in the sense Ohio Wesleyan and Otterbein were enemies. There are three-fourths of a million of the Evangelical United Brethren. So far as statistics of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church go, there are perhaps three-fifths of a million, perhaps something like over 400,000. But then there are all kinds of statistics, you know. I shall not tell that story. I'm sure you are aware of it. But I'm going to add a fourth dimension. There is supposed to be that fourth dimension, what is it, a bishop is not supposed—anyhow, there are falsities, falsehoods and then there are blank falsehoods and then the statistics and then there are ecclesiastical statistics. So much so that I remember

hearing Bishop Holt say on one occasion when we were discussing the membership of certain denominations in America and abroad, Bishop Holt said that we really can't tell how many that denomination really has because they have more people in the church than there are people in the neighborhood. So our ecclesiastical statistics shows we are 465,000, in the neighborhood, ecclesiastically.

One of the strange things is we occupy the section that seems to be unoccupied by the Evangelical United Brethren in that East Central area which is presided over by Bishop J. Gordon Howard, I believe, the East Central Area, as a part of the former Methodist Church, South and now the Southeastern Jurisdiction. We cover pretty largely North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana. I've been associated with Bishop Martin in Texas for the past eight years. We cover that area which is perhaps blank so far as Evangelical United Brethren are concerned.

So it indicates to me that perhaps that particular vacancy might sometimes be filled since the Evangelical United Brethren do not have a great membership in that area and we do.

I want to say to you that we feel as Bishop Sherman Greene felt, at Pittsburgh in 1964, when I did address you previously, that we do want to come home, and there is a possibility that that spot, if you look at the map, will be one of the places where we can fill out the opportunities that have been left aside because of the lack of membership in the Evangelical United Brethren.

We want to congratulate you and hope your procedures will go forward not only with dispatch but as I heard Bishop Loder this morning over the closed-circuit television, we may realize eventually there is no wall of separation either between us or between them and you.

And then as for this last item, it just happened that I came into Pittsburgh the day when you were debating it in 1964. You were in the midst of the problem of the pension at that particular time and it was somewhat complicated, so that I didn't get all of the angles. I spoke to one of the members of the Judicial Council a few minutes ago and he was trying to explain it to me.

Now of course we have attitudes with reference to that. It was explained to me that that was an addendum to the memorandum of the Adjourned General Conference and so it came in as a sort of, shall I say, unexpected item. I have an answer to that. Of course you would expect us to have some particular attitude with reference to the Central Jurisdiction. Other than the matter of courtesy of not injecting ourselves into matters that perhaps do not concern us, I would like to indicate a story. I tell the story I once heard to indicate our position on it.

That is, it was a story—it is one of my favorites—I don't tell them as well as Bishop Short who has quite a repertory of them. But it was the story of the old slave who came to his mistress. She wanted to know just what was the matter. And he said that he had heard something at the church that he wasn't quite so certain about. They began to investigate what was going on at the church and so the minister on the plantation who was selected by the master had that morning told the slaves that what he wanted to do was to see the progress of the Confederate Army which then had won an important battle up in the northeast corner, wanted to see them completely successful so that after a while there would be peace. And this slave disagreed with him. And so there came about just a bit of dissension there on the plantation and this preacher was called to answer for it, and this was his reply. This is my reply to the questions of the Central Jurisdiction, as complicated as they are, and as interested as we are so they went to the minister and said to him, "Now look here, Reverend, didn't we hear

you praying Sunday morning for the success of the Confederate armies?"

He said, "Yes, you heard me say that."

"Didn't we hear you say that you hoped that they would wipe every last Yankee off the face of the earth?"

He said, "Yes, you heard me say that."

"Didn't we hear you say there would be peace and prosperity when once we got back to the status quo?"

And he said, "Yes, you heard me say that."

He said, "Reverend, just to what extent do you think we should give our leadership in the future considering that you have already betrayed us?"

"Now, Reverend, what have you got to say for yourself?"

And he turned aside and said, "Brethren and Sisters," he says, "the Lord knows what I was talking about."

And so if I don't make any statement this morning with regard to what is going on with reference to the Central Jurisdiction and its successful, shall I say, solution to the problem, I can say to you "The Lord knows what I'm talking about" I thank you very much.

Mr. President, may I give you congratulations?

All 465,000 of us believe that the Lord knows what we are talking about. Thank you very much.

Recess

A ten minute recess was taken.

Session Resumed

Upon reconvening, the Hymn "Lord I want to be a Christian" was sung.

Speaks in Support of Amendment—Major J. Jones

Major J. Jones (East Tennessee—C): I would but call attention to the fact that the prior sections of the resolution, that the sections that are before us are all mandatory.

They are mandatory until you come suddenly to Section 10. This is a section for which we have a substitute.

Our amendment is in keeping with the prior sections of the resolution.

There is a second reason that I would be in support of the amendment and the second reason is that it would be, to my mind, a great sin for us to carry over into the Union, segregated units and structures in The Methodist Church.

It would be a greater sin to carry these structures over into Union—for us not to solve this problem by some definite time, for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction—it would, indeed, be a greater sin than for us not to achieve Union here, meeting this week, in Chicago.

I am for Union. This amendment facilitates Union, it clears the air. It keeps the climate or it makes definite the climate wherein we can work toward the elimination of all problems and make full preparation for Union.

There is a third reason that I am in support of the amendment and this third reason is the time.

It is too late for us not to make up our minds on this issue. We have been toying with it since 1939 when we came together in union.

I would but remind you that almost all the nineteen Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction at that time or at the time we were taking action on union were against union under the organizational conditions

with the Central Jurisdiction being a segregated unit.

Finally, I am for the amendment because we have, as I can see it, an understanding, a mandate.

History is dictating to us. The world and the climate, the international climate is dictating to us and for us not to support this amendment, for us not to be definite and clear as to where we stand on the issue of segregation would indeed leave many people uncertain as to where we are.

I am in support of the amendment and I hope it will prevail.

Speaks in Favor of Majority Report—R. Laurence Dill

R. Laurence Dill (North Alabama—SE): I happen to be chairman of the Advisory Council of the Southeastern Jurisdiction on Interjurisdictional Affairs and I am opposed to *Dr. Lowery's* amendment.

I have sat with *Dr. Lowery* and *Dr. Jones* for many hours as we have tried to resolve our differences and we resolved all of them with this one exception of being able to come to an agreement on a mandatory target date.

If you will bear with me, I want to make an emphasis that has been made by two previous speakers, more than that, I think, and that is the remarkable progress that we have made in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, a progress that some of us, even so late as a year ago, would not have believed possible.

No matter how much we might desire it, we cannot achieve a uniformity of schedule in merging Annual Conferences.

In good faith, we at the Southeast, have undertaken to do what the General Conference has asked us to do under the plan of action.

By a more than three-to-one vote, we approved the transfer of Annual Conferences from the Central Jurisdiction, confined within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction into our Jurisdiction.

Now, sooner than many of us have thought, a number of our Annual Conferences have approved merger of transferring Conferences with theirs.

We in the Southeast recognize that the racial structure of The Methodist Church is going to be eliminated and some of us are just as anxious—well, let me say, all of us, I think, are as anxious to see that as any of you are.

Now, the question is not whether it will be done but how it will be done. The question is no longer when it will be done.

I think most of us in our own thinking know that it will be done and will be largely done by 1972.

This matter cannot be drawn out, dragging on and on and on and some of us are working as best we can toward that end.

Now, my friend, *Brother Joe Lowery*, said that his group thought in terms of a date of '68 and were willing to accept possibly a date of '72.

I think you ought to know that our people, when they have talked informally about a date, talked about '76 but then, we were willing to think in terms of a date of '72.

Now, the Majority Report of the Committee represents a compromise. We reached an impasse on this matter of the target date. When two groups cannot agree, well often it is submitted to arbitration and in a sense, this is what has happened.

The Commission, the General Commission, knowing that we had not reached agreement, then came out with this recommendation which seems to me to represent a compromise in the matter.

Well, let me just say, not all of our problems will be solved when merger is effected.

How it will be done will be tremendously important and how it will be done, as someone has said, advocating in an atmosphere of freedom

will make it much easier for us to do the thing we will need to do and want to do even after merger of Annual Conferences is effected.

I hope you will support the majority report in this matter.

Speaks in Support of Amendment—William C. Jason, Jr.

William C. Jason, Jr. (Delaware—C): Bishop, Members of the General Conference, my name is W. C. Jason of the Delaware Conference and I am happy to tell you that I am making my last possible representation of the Delaware Conference because under the liquidation process, it is no more.

I wish to say further that I cannot apologize for being a Methodist because my ancestors have been Methodist in this Church since before the Civil War.

I speak with feeling, of necessity, and I am supporting this amendment because I think that suffering does not belong to just one group alone.

It belongs to all men who are Christians. I have no grief. I have no hatred.

We are told that this is not an effort to do the thing in two steps. I suggest to you that quite to the contrary, it is an effort to do the thing by two steps.

It is a request that with our transfer of these Conferences, we will have the assurance, the blessed assurance, that by 1972, we can bury the dead and then say, as a good Jew would say, "The Lord has given, the Lord has taken away."

"Blessed be the name of the Lord."

I sometimes question as to whether or not you cannot look at the Delaware Conference since it was the first Conference set up by the Methodist Episcopal Church along racial lines.

In one sense, it was the first step in Jacob's ladder. It opened the way for the philanthropy which came from the coffers of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the people most in need, black and white, in the South during reconstruction.

And then again, if you wish to say the founding of the Delaware Conference was the first slip into sin, perhaps it is a sin that has been consummated by the things that have happened subsequently rather than before.

I would suggest to you that, on thinking in terms of the man who was by the pool of Siloam, he had to get in the water at a certain time. He was unable to move. I wonder how many of you would suggest that a man would deliberately put himself in the place of the man in the pool of Siloam, had he known that he would be stricken so that he could not move.

It seems to me that this request of the Central Jurisdiction, with no assurance and no guarantees, is asking a man to rid himself of all of his power and then abide by a long suffering wait.

There wasn't much freedom of choice when the Central Jurisdiction was created and there are men in this room who know the suffering and the agony that the men who were the preachers in the Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church went through when this came to pass.

I think this is a small price of suffering to request.

We are only asking that we have written into the record the assurance that by 1972, we may say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Previous Question Moved—John R. Van Sickle

John R. Van Sickle (Rock River—NC) moved the previous question on the amendment. It was voted. (DCA, page 862.)

Chairman Speaks Against Amendment—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): Brethren, we have had some mighty good speeches and I hope you will remember them because they don't really relate to the issue that is before us now.

This amendment that is proposed won't do nearly as much as the proponents hope or as the opponents fear, but we are going to have that issue before us sooner or later so it is probably just as well that these speeches have been made.

As has been suggested, our Paragraph 10 is a compromise but we are not ashamed of the fact that it is a compromise.

We tried hard to persuade the Advisory Councils of these three Jurisdictions to agree upon a resolution and they couldn't quite do it and so we proposed somewhat more than the Southeast and South Central had been able to accept and somewhat less than the Central Jurisdiction had asked for, and ever since, our statement has been attacked on the one side as being too mandatory a target date and, on the other side as not sufficiently mandatory.

We weren't quite sure we were right until we got so much attack from both sides that the more we heard, the more we thought perhaps we were where we should be.

Now, take a look at what is proposed. This is not a mandatory proposal. This is a statement of a target date.

This says, it is determined not that the Conferences will be dissolved by '72 but it is determined that all necessary steps will be taken, which, again, is a promise or a hope for the future.

Now, we have said in Paragraph 10, they "express their earnest determination to do everything possible."

I think that is the same thing, just about, as saying that we are determined to take the necessary steps.

There are two differences between the two resolutions of any substance.

I may say this. In our meeting Monday, Paragraph 10 was subjected, in our own Commission, to many, many motions and proposed amendments, some seeking to weaken it just a little bit, some seeking to strengthen it just a little bit, and many others. We considered this particular proposal and when we considered it, one of the gentlemen who wanted to weaken our report said, "Oh, I think that is better. I think that does soften the original report."

Well, I don't think it does. I don't think it really changes it appreciably, stronger or weaker.

It still sets only a target date but it does make two differences.

One, it changes that target date to three months before the General Conference instead of at the close of the Jurisdictional Conference.

When we asked the reason, we were given a very frank and reasonable reply. They said, "We would like to know at the time of the General Conference of '72, whether this is done or not so that if it is not done, the General Conference of '72 can do something about it."

Now, that makes good sense but I don't think it is necessary to have such an awkward and unworkable proposal in order to accomplish the same end.

The logical time for any Conference to merge and go out of being is at the close of the Conference year, not in January or in February, but at the close of the Conference year.

But the Conference of '72 should have a chance to do something, if necessary, I thoroughly agree, and if I should be a part of the Conference of '72, I would favor doing something, if things haven't happened, but I am just as sure as I am standing here that by the Conference of '72, we will know whether this process has completed the action or whether it is done or whether it isn't and we can move forward. And

so, I think the proposal that we have is more logical and more sensible and more orderly.

The other difference is that the amendment would eliminate one word. Some of you may not think it is important but to me, at least, it means something that is vital.

The last sentence in our Paragraph 10: "They further expressed their earnest determination to do everything possible to develop greater understanding and brotherhood in Methodism as well as in the world."

I want to say that, because I want to do more than merge Conferences. I want to develop understanding and brotherhood in Methodism and in the world.

We have been over this carefully. We submit that our statement was designed to be right on the razor's edge.

We hope you will defeat the amendment.

Amendment Defeated

The vote was taken on the Amendment proposed by *Joseph E. Lowery* and it was defeated. (DCA, page 863.)

Amendment to Majority Report Proposed—Carl F. Lueg

Carl F. Lueg (Louisiana—SE): An amendment to Paragraph 6 to replace the word "all" with the word "each" was proposed, but upon explanation of the Committee Chairman that such a change would not be in accordance with Amendment IX of the Constitution, the amendment was withdrawn.

Amendment Proposed—Ernest T. Dixon

Ernest T. Dixon (West Texas—C): I would like to call the attention of the Conference to page 769, Arabic Number 2, under the title, "Resolution for the Elimination of Racial Structure and the Development of Greater Understanding and Brotherhood in The Methodist Church," the last paragraph in that particular section.

"Where such mergers have not yet been realized, each such Conference expresses its earnest determination to work toward such merger at the earliest possible date."

I would like to suggest this addition for consideration as an amendment to this report so that this particular statement would read:

"Where such mergers have not yet been realized, each such Conference expresses its earnest determination to work towards such merger at the earliest possible date and hereby pledges to establish a Committee on Inter-Conference Relations composed of an equal number of ministers, laymen and youth to implement the recommendations and resolutions of this report and recommendation of the plan of action for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction adopted by the 1964 General Conference and that each board and agency of the church be alert for opportunities to assist each Committee in every possible way."

Chairman Accepts the Amendment—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): I believe that the purpose of this amendment is entirely in harmony with our Report and unless some member of our Commission objects, I would be willing to accept it. I hear no objection.

Minority Report Debated

John Satterfield (Mississippi—SE): You have before you the minority report which appears in the *Advocate* on page 774 and the following pages.

I come before you today to, I hope, shed light and not heat because all of us are here to do what we believe to be sincerely best for the cause of Christ and for our great Methodist Church.

That is the only purpose, I am sure, of any delegate regardless of any difference of opinion.

May I say that in my experience as president of the American Bar Association, when I spoke and visited in forty-six of the fifty states, I then solidified my feeling of trust in the good judgment and the good intention of the leaders of our nation, whether they be in a church, a bar association or wherever they may be.

It is necessary, though, for us to take a moment to see just what we are doing and why it is being done.

Frankly, I am up here perhaps today for one reason: that I am somewhat weary, of hearing statements made, attempting to place blame upon those of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and perhaps adjoining South Central because the Central Jurisdiction of this Church has not been eliminated and saying or indicating that we are dragging our feet and not acting in good faith.

I will simply state briefly a few of the things that have been mentioned in these reports, without going into detail.

You remember that the Amendment IX was adopted in '56, became effective on April 9, 1958.

We came to the '60 General Conference and very little had been done.

We came to the '64 General Conference and some action had been taken.

At that Conference, a request was made of our Commission that we make a progress report. That was the only request and the only authorization then taken.

No doubt whatever that we, as an Adjourned Session of the '64 Conference have the technical right to take any action we see fit.

I assume that the Commission has a right to exceed the request and authority and do what it has done, which is to ask action of this General Conference to completely revise, and change the complete purpose and direction of the action of the General Conference of 1964 in this connection.

And what has occurred? Now, why is that required now?

It is very simple.

These several individual actions which have been taken with reference to transfer and merger—you are familiar with them, these reports, —all of the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction in the geographical jurisdiction, to other than the South Central and the Southeast, I believe the transfer has been completed and perhaps, the merger.

We have, then, this. Since the 1964 General Conference, in addition to these actions, the Southeastern Jurisdiction has adopted and the South Central Jurisdiction, similarly, has adopted resolutions inviting a transfer of the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction.

The resolution adopted by the Southeastern Jurisdiction appears on page 780 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, shown as Appendix C.

I'll be frank with you. This shows why the matter of timing is bewildering to all of us.

Some of you may remember, before the General Conference of '64, I wrote an article that appeared in one of our publications, that I did not feel it was to the best interest of our church that the transfer of these Conferences take place.

After conferring, listening, discussing and thinking and praying, I felt it would be desirable to be done under the plan as submitted to and adopted by the General Conference of 1964.

I was on the Board of Social and Economic Relations for eight years.

I was on the Council of Interjurisdictional Affairs, last quadrennium and this.

I am a member of the Southeastern Advisory Council on Jurisdictional Affairs, member of the Joint Drafting Committee of that Council, and of the Central Jurisdiction Council and yet, the only one reason that the Central Jurisdiction has not been abolished is very well set forth in the report of the Central Jurisdiction's study to the Central Jurisdiction Conference at Daytona Beach, Florida, June 16th, 1964, pages 24 and 25 thereof, in which the following statement is made. It appears on page 775 of the *Daily Advocate*:

"The Jurisdictional Conference of the receiving regional Jurisdiction must agree that during the same quadrennium in which the transfer becomes effective, it shall reconstitute its annual conferences in such a way that each will include all local Methodist churches within its bounds, regardless of the racial characteristics of the membership of the local churches. . . . Primarily because of opposition of the Commission of Thirty-Six, the General Conference declined to incorporate this rule in the basic law of the church. (See *Daily Christian Advocate*, May 1, 1964, pages 161 to 165). Therefore, this requirement should be incorporated in any proposal to transfer an Annual Conference from the Central Jurisdiction to a regional Jurisdiction."

Therefore, although every geographical Jurisdiction including the Southeastern Jurisdiction, has adopted resolutions in detail, fully carrying out the request and recommendation of the General Conference, the reason that that plan has not been consummated as recommended by that Conference is because the Central Jurisdiction at its Annual Conferences have prevented the completion thereof by placing a requirement which not only was not included by the General Conference of '64 but was specifically declined.

That is why we're here today.

One of these actions of the adoption by one of the Central Jurisdiction Conferences was after the meeting of other Central Jurisdiction Conferences but you remember, we adopted the *Discipline* which is now Paragraph 680, permitting the other Annual Conferences in any Jurisdiction to act before or after the one involved and that is why we are here today.

I wonder if we should abandon the basis which has been adopted and readopted by three General Conferences at a special session or an adjourned session of the General Conference, completely reform the entire basis of the reorganization of our Church over the protest of the representatives, the lay representatives from the Southeastern Jurisdiction of almost three million members and contrary to the action of our Conference.

What have we before us? And this is what the General Conference said in 1964:

"The essence of the plan of action is that during the coming quadrennium, the church will attempt, in every instance, on a voluntary basis, acting on the procedures of Amendment IX to achieve the termination of the Central Jurisdiction. That transfer shall proceed on a schedule and manner dictated by the individual needs and desires of the merging units involved."

That appears on page 8 of the plan of elimination of the Central Jurisdiction that is in your folder on your desk and on page 7, further, we said:

"At a General Conference, the timing of the second step, merging of Annual Conferences within a Jurisdiction will be a Jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable."

Without having permitted the time involved and set up by the General Conference of '64 to be available to accomplish this end, it is now proposed to completely abandon that basis.

As a matter of fact, as set forth in this which I will not read to you, in our joint meetings with representatives of the—rather, Councils of the Southeastern and—of the Central Jurisdiction, a resolution mutually agreeable, which was almost fully copied into the Southeastern Jurisdiction resolution, at the joint meeting, the vote to take care of this controversial Section 3, the matter of the mandatory date was sixteen to twelve for adoption of one which would have been agreeable, but we had voted that any action should be at a two-thirds vote and, therefore, it failed.

As to all other points, there was agreement.

And now, we are asked, when they have come that close to that which the General Conference of 1964 requested be done, that it be completely changed and put on a basis where we abandon the action of the church in '56, '60 and '64 and say, nothing shall be done—regardless of the effect upon three million of our members, nothing shall be done unless the requirements are met as required by the Central Jurisdiction.

I hope that you from the Western Jurisdiction and the North Central and Northeast and probably the South Central realize the difference in the problems of every kind, not only the problems of human relationship of churches, of Conferences, of actions, or organizations, finances and everything else—the tremendous difference in your area and in ours, because in the South Carolina Conference—and think back, now, about your Conference and your Area, bishop's Area—in the South Carolina Conference, there are 340 Central Jurisdiction organized churches and in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, 729.

Is there any delegate from other areas where that is true?

In the Mississippi Conference, there are 216 organized churches in the Central Jurisdictional Conference and 529 organized churches in the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

In the Louisiana Conference the Central Jurisdiction, has 153 organized churches and Southeastern, 457.

Upper Mississippi Conference—There is a misprint on page 766. They left out a line.

Upper Mississippi Conference had 141 organized churches and the Southeastern Jurisdiction, 533.

And it is right interesting as we discuss this and try to solve our own and each other's problems, either on the basis of working together for the best interests of all on the basis which we decided in 1964 as may be met by the individual needs and desires of the merging units to say that we require a pledge of every person who supports this resolution that every possible effort will be made to accomplish merger as soon as possible but not later than 1972 which cannot be.

There cannot be anything more compulsory, in my opinion, in effect, than that.

Also, in Paragraph 1 of the proposed resolution with reference to the elimination of all structure of the church, this applies not only to Annual Conferences.

It applies to district organizations. It applies to local churches. It applies to institutions. And if we are required, in order to carry out this suggestion, to include that provision, which we would certainly do, take an action which is neither proper, necessary or desirable to tie this particular thing into a pledge to immediately remove every type

of structure, some of which are needed and necessary for our Negro brethren, including their institutions which are still being maintained and many other organizations of that type.

I would like to take just one moment to say this.

I have been a Methodist for—many years.

My father was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for five successive General Conferences.

I hold in my hand an original printing of the minutes of what we now refer to as the General Conferences of Methodist Churches in the United States from 1773 to 1813 and it has in it the autograph of my great-grandfather who brought this in his saddle bag from Kentucky to Mississippi in 1832.

We have been Methodists for generations—and yet, I will say this. I am not only weary because of what I mentioned a moment ago but I awoke about four o'clock this morning.

I was asking for guidance as to whether I should simply tell you the truth and nothing but the truth, which is always my policy, or whether I should tell you the whole truth.

I believe it is proper and necessary that I do so.

After living and working in the Southeastern Jurisdiction for many, many years, it is my judgment that if this Conference by one means or another forces action to be taken which we know would be destructive of our Church in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, that this Methodist Church will lose a minimum of one million members and perhaps more.

Frankly, it is my judgment that there is no reasonable probability that a resolution such as this now before you, proposed as it is now being proposed, would be adopted by the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

May I say that in the matter of presenting the resolution in accordance with the desire and the recommendation of the 1964 General Conference, I, personally, wrote to every delegate to the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference Southeast, giving a complete resumé, asking and pleading with them to adopt the resolution and it was adopted by three-to-one vote.

I could not, in good conscience, as a Christian or a Methodist—and there are thousands of good Methodists in our Jurisdiction and adjoining Jurisdictions—we could not, in good faith and in honor, as a Christian and as a member of The Methodist Church, vote for this resolution which, in my opinion, amounts to a statement of coercion on any named date, to-wit, this one in 1972.

I do believe that what we should do is to carry forward, just as we came within an inch of completing and carrying out the desires of the Conference of 1964 but were unable to reach an agreement on one matter and now, the General Conference is asked to reverse itself, approach it on a basis which will be destructive of our Church.

May I say in closing that I do know that we are all anxious to do that which is best for our Church.

Frankly, other than the matter of talk, I do not believe that action taken in the Southeastern Jurisdiction will materially affect the Church in the Northeast, the North Central, the Western, and part of the South Central Jurisdictions, but I say with the utmost sincerity and conviction that if this Conference requires action which amounts to setting a mandatory date which would necessarily, unless this could be accomplished by that time—would necessarily mean a destruction of our Church, it will have a terrible effect in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

We have had quite a time as our leaders and bishops can tell you, of holding the line in Mississippi and I join with our Bishop and our leaders to hold the line and keep our members in the Church, but if

action like this is taken, I cannot in good conscience say that we will be able to continue to do so.

The suggestion that we make is that there be adopted and recommended, the resolution which appears on page 780 and 781, with the additions of the paragraphs as mentioned there, the paragraphs in the previous resolution or of the majority, being numbered Paragraphs Number 4, 5 and 6, 7 being already in the resolution, and the minor change of adding the South Central Jurisdiction to it.

I surely hope that we can feel that we are all working toward the same end, and it is a tremendously disappointing thing but is the truth, and it must be said that it is absolutely and physically impossible to say exactly when, as was stated at the '64 Conference, just before it and just after it, I had no thought that the Southeastern Jurisdiction would adopt the resolution in conformity with every particular request and they did so by a vote of three-to-one.

And yet, if you have a limit which may destroy the Church in many areas, it cannot be in the best interests of the Church.

I surely hope that you will adopt the motion to substitute the Minority Report.

Speaks Against Minority Report—Eric A. Mitchell

Eric A. Mitchell (Bombay—OS): I wish to oppose this substitute motion. We are thrilled and happy to see that there is a gradual elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, but we as overseas Methodists and Christians would like to see it done much faster. We would like to see it done before 1972.

The retention of the Central Jurisdiction is a stigma to the World Methodist Fellowship and to all Christians. I would like you to think, my friend, of the problem not only in the light of the domestic situation and of your present situation, but in the light of the world's needs.

The Methodist Church in America cannot live in isolation from the needs of the human race. The Methodist Church in America is a part of the world body, the world Christian body. It is not a matter for you to solve, in your country, it is a matter for the whole world. We must act today. We must end this discrimination because there is a freedom explosion about us in and around us and in our world. New nations are emerging every day, not willing to submit to exploitation and suppression.

Powerful secular movements are taking the lead. The Church, my friends, should not lag behind. It must be in the forefront leading people to a new freedom as the Apostle said, "Stand fast therefore in the freedom wherewith Christ has made you free."

We must act today and end the discrimination because there is the phenomenon of the rise of the common man. Next to the rise of the colored man there is the rise of the common man. He is shaking off the shackles of the past as he comes into a new freedom, seeking an identity and an appreciation of his own human worth.

We must act today to end discrimination because of the population explosion. More people are being born today than ever before. China, with its 700 million, India with its 500 million, South Africa with its 200 million, Europe with its 200 million, and other places. We must win all of these millions for Jesus Christ. It may surprise you, my friends, that only one out of every 20 people in our world is white; the rest are colored people. A church that discriminates on race, color, national origin or economic condition cannot appeal to people of diverse races. Race is not only an American problem, it is a world problem, a universal problem. And therefore the message of The Methodist Church should be a universal message, the inclusive message

of God's love. "In Christ there is no east or west. In Him no north or south, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." We must act today to end discrimination because there is the rise of resurgent religions.

There is Islam with its missionary zeal preaching a worldwide brotherhood in their faith. All stand equal together in a mosque. Hinduism with its inclusiveness, Buddhism with its message of life, these great religions are challenging the Christian way of life and are coming forward with a new vitality and with a new message.

Christianity and the missionary movement will be hard put if characterized and tinged with discrimination of race prejudice. It will not appeal to the hearer.

We must end discrimination today because a social revolution is sweeping across Asia and Africa where one and a half billion people live. These billions, my friends, must be won for Christ. They cannot be won by discrimination.

I think most of you may know that caste has been abolished in India. Outcasts are free to go where they like, live where they like, and now can worship in the temples which had been closed to them for centuries. Can we as Christians, can we as Methodists do less in our churches?

Women are now leading in politics of countries. Mrs. Indira Gandhi is now our Prime Minister. There is this tremendous social upsurge.

We must end discrimination today. I hope we can stop it from today because Communism is on the march. Communism has practically encircled half the world with its message of equality and economic and social justice. Christianity, a Church—dare I say a Methodist Church—that preaches and practices discrimination will be set aside by this godless yet dynamic ideology.

As I see it, there are two claims before us. The claim of Jesus Christ and the claim of Karl Marx. Communism has succeeded where the Christian witness has failed. We cannot win the world to Jesus Christ if we discriminate against people because of their race or color. We will drive them to Karl Marx. We will drive them into the fold of Communism.

But most important of all, my friends, we cannot preach the Gospel at all, we cannot preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for Jesus Christ is the Gospel, because Jesus died for all men and arose for all men, and that we are his children. The ground is level at the cross for all people.

When Numetus, the humanist scholar, looking more like a beggar in his illness, asking aid of the local doctors, heard them saying Latin, thinking he did not know the learned tongue:

"Faciamus experimentum in anima vile," ("Let us try an experiment on this worthless creature,") to their amazement heard his reply, *"Vilem anima appellas pro quo Christus non didignatus est mort."* ("Will you call worthless one for whom Christ did not disdain to die?")

Unless, my friends, we go out with a message of the inclusiveness of God's death for all men, we have no message for the world, we have no reason to exist as a Church. For if we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we witness, how can we testify to the love of God whom we have not seen?

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I oppose this amendment.

Substitute for Minority Report—Charles A. Sayre

Charles A. Sayre (Southern New Jersey—NE): I would like to move we make this substitute for the Minority Report—and that it be simply the deletion of paragraph 10 in the original Report but I move

that as a substitute for the Minority Report, if that is in order, Mr. Chairman. If I can have a second, I would like to speak to it.

Mr. Chairman, this is a deeply difficult moment for the life of our Church. I have heard a great many men speak about Christian mandates, the law of the Church, the law of God. There are other tones in the Christian Gospel which have not been heard this morning very eloquently. There are tones of grace and sympathy and forgiveness and understanding. If I understand the root of our debate this morning, it is the ancient debate of the Gospel that race operates to fulfill law better than law operates to fulfill itself. Paul himself was charged with the elimination of law, that by his preaching, sin would abound. But Paul believed deeply that if grace were given the opportunity to be fulfilled, that the law would find its fulfillment within the operation of love and grace.

I believe that this is an hour in which the church must deeply show Christian love. I believe that a mandatory date—I think the elimination of the mandatory date would give us a document we can live with; that the elimination of the mandatory date will reduce great confusion. However we interpret No. 10, it is going to be vastly misinterpreted and misused. It seems to me that there is every evidence that the Holy Spirit and grace of God is at work in our Church. To me the heart of this issue is whether we trust each other or not.

I would like to move this substitution as a vote of trust in the integrity and religious sincerity of all of our colleagues, Mr. Chairman.

Speaks Against Substitute—Mrs. Haskell Arterburn

Mrs. Haskell Arterburn (Louisville—SE): I don't think I have as good a speech to make, but I appreciate this courtesy. I wish to speak against the substitute to delete 10. I, too, am concerned with the matter of trust and I am constantly amazed at the trust of the Central Jurisdiction toward the rest of us sometimes.

I don't blame them for wanting a target date and I found it hard to go with 10 because it wasn't quite strong enough for me. And I am pleased that we are going to interpret it as being real strong. But I do think that we can realize the position of the Central Jurisdiction as they have been the ones who have been asked to trust, to step out of—not have a Jurisdiction but to come in as a Conference and hope that some time, some day, we will decide to receive them in the rest of the way.

I appreciate what has been done. We have moved a lot and I appreciate the integrity with which many people have worked. But I appreciate most deeply the trust the Central Jurisdiction has placed in us, and I wish we could take this as a promise to them that we would do something by that date, and I don't think we can always pat ourselves on the back for the vote we took in the Southeastern Jurisdiction when we took it with the restrictions.

Speaks Against Substitute—Robert E. Cushman

Robert E. Cushman (North Carolina—SE): Mr. Chairman, I might be satisfied to accept as a speech that I intend to make, that made just before me. However, I would like to express appreciation, on the one hand, to the honorable delegate from Mississippi for what seems to me to be a cogent and representative defense of a point of view. I think that from the standpoint of the law, it is possible to entertain the position which is represented in the Minority Report.

On the other hand, I think that the address which was so eloquently delivered by the delegate of India, counterpoises the alternative justly and fairly. If it is a matter of determining what is a progress report,

then I would submit that it is possible Mr. Satterfield is correct, that the Report of a Majority of the Interjurisdictional Commission is more than a progress report. But not even he has defined what a progress report is. On the other side, I think it could be said that we do face not merely the question of the law but of the Gospel. And the delegate from India is correct, that time presses upon us for an exhibition of our moral and Christian witness.

It is the Christian witness that seems to me to take priority in this moment of decision; and I could not myself accept a substitute motion in its implication that we are now to trust grace. We always rely upon grace whenever our decisions have to be made; but they must be made in justice. And there are wrongs to redress. There is a history from which it seems to me we must now turn decisively and without more delay.

If it be the law of the Gospel, it seems to me this General Conference today, now, must decide for the Gospel against the law.

Previous Question on Substitute

The previous question on the substitute was moved and it was ordered. (DCA, page 868.)

Closing Statement—Charles A. Sayre

Charles A. Sayre (Southern New Jersey—NE): Mr. Chairman, I would like to submit that in the debate and discussion behind the total report, this is the nub of the problem, and I think that by getting to the nub of it immediately—that is the elimination of a mandatory date—we will save a great deal of time in subsequent procedure. I think this is the heart of it. I can live very well with it. I think it is quite strong enough, the total nature of the Report. I am thrilled by it. I think the one rock of real difficulty that we are posing to our brethren in the South is this one item of mandatory dating and I think by this simple action of approving the substitute, we will cut through a great deal of debate, get to the heart of it, and then we can approve the report and go on with our other business.

Sayre Substitute Lost

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and it was lost. (DCA, page 869.)

Speaks for Minority Report—Edwin L. Jones

Edwin L. Jones (Western North Carolina—SE): Mr. Chairman and fellow Methodists, I wish that I had the gift of oratory and knew how to sway folks' minds and imaginations, but I can't right this minute. I'm very much like the schoolboy who was asked by his teacher to define "vacuum." He thought a bit and he said, "Teacher, I can't exactly say it but I got it in my head." Because I'm trying to speak before you following those who are trained in public speaking, and therefore, if I stumble with my words, and if I might sound a little crude, please forgive me. I yield to no man by the measure of my love for The Methodist Church. I think it has been proven.

One of the sorrows of my association with The Methodist Church has been that this is the sixth successive General Conference that I have attended and I have seen all six of those General Conferences spend most of their time, most of their money, most of their energy and almost all of their oratory on matters that have to do only with structure and organization. God will hold us responsible some day

for not spending some time and some energy and some thought and some consideration on how to reach the unsaved and how to carry out Christ's last commission to his disciples. There isn't a word in there about bothering yourself with the structure of the Church. I ask you to reread it.

I am not a lawyer. I am not a member of the Judicial Council. I'm not even an official. And yet in my humble opinion, these recommendations of the Interjurisdictional Commission are entirely out of order. At the last General Conference of which we are an adjourned part and therefore we are still a part of the 1964 General Conference to that extent, it set up this Interjurisdictional Commission in these words, when it adopted the Plan of Action: To "... appoint for the 1964-1968 Quadrennium a Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations ... with the same authorization as given to the present Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, ... the Commission shall draft a report to the General Conference of 1968 on a plan for the termination of the Central Jurisdiction.

"... the Commission shall be specifically charged with the responsibility of working with the Jurisdictions and Conferences ... " and as so on and so forth.

Then on the second page over it reads: "... that the new Commission should act in accordance with its best judgment in the light of the facts which have developed during the first three and one-half years of the coming quadrennium."

Now if this present Interjurisdictional Commission has not exceeded its authority, then I have ceased to be able to read the written language, the written English language. The Majority Report to which we object, and which I wish I could have signed, I now say to you in all honesty that if the terms of compulsion and of arbitrary dates were taken out of it, I would sign it immediately and I would go back to my Conference and Jurisdiction and work for it. But I am unalterably opposed to trying to whiplash people into doing something which their conscience will not allow them to do at a certain time.

In this report which was unanimously adopted in 1964, the spirit of voluntarism was written all through it. On page 4 of that report:

"The proposal is based on the hope that all steps for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction can be taken on a voluntary and mutually satisfactory basis. Voluntarism is basic in the Commission's report."

And our former General Conference adopted this report almost unanimously and it is throughout the report. As a matter of fact, the Advisory Commission or Committee of the Southeastern Jurisdiction voted 19 to 1 against the target date which the Central Jurisdiction Advisory Committee insisted should be put in and therefore as a representative of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, I must stand with the decided majority of those who were appointed to carry out negotiations in this matter.

All of the legislation and all of the wording of the Majority Report has compulsion all through. It is as though, and forgive me for saying it, other Jurisdictions were saying in a self-righteous way, "We have done it, now doggone it, you have got to do it. We will make you do it because we will adopt a date which you must come up to" and that is what happens. And when that does happen, as Brother Satterfield so truly said, we will lose more Methodists than we will gain through the Evangelical United Brethren merger which I hope will be accomplished. I think we need them. The Southeastern Jurisdiction has done exactly what the 1964 General Conference asked it to do. It has taken Step No. 1.

My own Conference has gone beyond what the 1964 General Conference asked it to do and it has taken Step No. 2, but they have not been able to perfect or to carry that through to conclusion because of

the stand of the Central Jurisdiction. Read it in the report. So that we are stymied in the Western North Carolina Conference and in the Virginia Conference and in the North Carolina Conference in carrying out what we have honestly tried to do beyond the expectation of the 1964 General Conference.

As long as I am a Methodist, I am going to be just as concerned about my white brother as I am my black brother. I'm going to be equally concerned about both and I ask you today, in all seriousness and in all earnestness, that you become concerned about your white brothers who are in a difficult situation, who are going just as fast as they possibly can go but who cannot be driven, who cannot be coerced, who cannot be compelled to do something which they know should not be done on any target date. Remove the compulsion from this Majority Report. Remove the dates that will mean that if they are not met, that dire results will follow. And let us support this Majority Report wholeheartedly.

Otherwise, we must do as we are now doing, point out what is wrong with it and tell you that we want the Central Jurisdiction eliminated. I made the motion in the Denver Conference to eliminate the Central Jurisdiction and they themselves voted against it. I would make that motion right here today if I thought it would prevail. But join with us in all Christian charity and in all Christian love to do this thing in the way we know, the only way in which we know it can be done.

You can pass all the resolutions you please. You can pass all of the mandatory legislation you want. But that will not make a single Southeastern Jurisdictional Methodist member do differently from what he is able to do.

Speaks Against Minority Report—K. Morgan Edwards

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona—W): The previous speaker has mentioned the matter of compulsion. I think we need to be clear about two confusions that are before the house.

This is a myth which needs to be cleared up so we can think clearly on an issue on which we feel with great passion and that is the notion that somehow prejudice is relegated to the Southeastern Jurisdiction or the South Central Jurisdiction.

Those of us who are in the Far West will one day have to stand before the judgment bar of God and accept heavy responsibility for the real estate conspiracies, the lack of economic opportunity and all of the things which we did which produced the Watts riots. I think none of us can think clearly unless we recognize that prejudice belongs just as much to those of us in the West and the North as it belongs to anybody in the South. This is a universal problem because it is a problem of the human heart.

Now the second confusion which needs to be cleared up is this notion that the people who are being compelled in this matter are my Caucasian brothers in any part of the Church. There is compulsion, to be sure; but the compulsion which embarrasses me is the compulsion we are forcing upon our Negro brothers by depriving them of rights which are guaranteed them by our Lord and underscored by the Constitution. And I am embarrassed to say to them, "Please wait six more years for the realization of rights guaranteed 2,000 years ago or 200 years ago." I'm unwilling to ask them to wait longer.

Motion to Extend Time—John Herr

John Herr (Philadelphia—NE) moved to extend the time. This was voted.

Speaks in Favor of Minority Report—Vincent Mouser

Vincent Mouser (Louisiana—SE): Mr. Chairman, I will avoid repeating the pleasantries with which I began.

And I will make the statement to which those pleasantries were leading, that I certainly do not intend to speak in legalistic terms or in terms of enforcing a law or preventing a law from being enacted, but I wish to speak in the terms of what is good for the purposes for which our Lord would have us serve, what can bring about—what action can best bring about the great purpose which we all seek and that is a communion of brotherly love and a combining of our spirits and our efforts, whether we are white or black, or north or south, in the service of our Lord and in the salvation of souls. This division with which we are faced came about historically because, I feel sure, it serves a need.

For example, the predecessors of the colored Methodist Church requested the bishops, as I understand, of the M. E. Church, South to help them organize a church of their own. Other churches serving the needs of our Negro brethren were organized at their own request to serve their own needs.

The members of the northern Methodist Church, following the great division of the War Between the States, saw fit to carry on missionary endeavors and to set up conferences serving the needs of Negroes throughout this land, particularly in the South. We had then the separate institutions or separate conferences and separate churches to serve the needs of the people who composed those conferences and who were members of those churches.

We had separate churches serving Swedish Methodists, German Methodists. Others whose needs could best be served for a time by separate church organizations. The need for the separate Swedish Methodist churches, the separate German Methodist churches passed away. The division passed away, and it is my firm belief that in God's time and in the working out of his spirit within all our hearts, the needs for the separate organizations of Negro Methodists in the separate churches and separate Conferences or separate Jurisdictions would have passed away and the structure would have automatically followed the elimination of any need or any purpose to be served by that structure.

When that need would have passed away, it would have been when we would have attained within our hearts that spirit of brotherhood, that communion of interest, that complete freedom from prejudice which we must achieve if all of these things we are talking about here are to do any good in God's service.

It is my firm belief that merely ordering a change in structure, which we have been trying to do throughout several years, this procedure, this approach to the whole problem has marked an historic error on the part of our Church. Of course there will be no way to ever judge whether I am correct in thinking it is in error and the others think we have been in error because we didn't do it sooner or didn't do it faster. That is my firm belief.

I recognize that the Central Jurisdiction will pass away. I recognize that separate Negro Conferences will pass way. I recognize that eventually there will be no separate congregations except as people naturally would move together to serve their own desires. I have been going up and down the length and breadth of the Louisiana Conference speaking wherever I was invited or had an opportunity, telling our people that this is inevitable and preaching to them the need to prepare in their own hearts the reception of this change, the need to maintain that feeling of brotherhood, that feeling of love which we in the South, my friends from New England and the Midwest, which we in the South maintain towards our Negro brethren.

In and out of the Church I have preached to the members of our congregations, "Maintain your individual contacts. Maintain your love and your brotherhood and thereby let's move over this transition period. Let's absorb this change in our Church and what is more, let's absorb it in the entire life of our Nation in a spirit of brotherhood, in a spirit of love."

The people are responding to that appeal. It is my opinion that if we can continue to make that appeal, those of us who feel that this great Methodist Church must go on and be a servant of the Lord, we need more time, we need not to be under compulsion. We have been trying to bring to our people the thought that your General Conference has not said, "You must do this." They set up a policy and declaration. In my opinion, I think it will inevitably lead to it, but leave us with a declaration—the declarations of all of the General Conferences up to this point so that we can move forward in a voluntary way to accomplish these structural changes and thereby let them more nearly conform to the inward changes within hearts of Methodists, white and black, throughout the entire Southland where these changes actually will have the impact. Give us time, give us the means by adopting this Minority Report, to have a little more time to attain and to have a little more voluntarism so that we can hope to bring the hearts and minds and thinking of our people into harmony with what we are now trying to require from a structural standpoint.

Previous Question Moved—Alfred O. Holte

Alfred O. Holte (Pacific Northwest—W) moved the previous question on all before the house. It was ordered.

Closing Statement—Minority—John Satterfield

John Satterfield (Mississippi—SE): Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I will try to make this as short as possible because we do have a compulsion as to time this morning. I think perhaps the first thing that should be mentioned for the consideration of this body is an opinion, and that is all it is, of myself and not anyone else, as to the mandatory nature of paragraph No. 10. All you need is to read that.

Now this is a required pledge to be required of every member who supports it, of every Annual Conference, of every Jurisdictional Conference, of the General Conference, of each College of Bishops and of the Council of Bishops.

By adoption of this resolution, those named by it "express their determination to do everything possible to bring about the elimination of any structural organization in The Methodist Church based on race, at the earliest possible date, and not later than the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972." If that is not a mandatory requirement of a pledge by those who support it, I've never seen one in a statutory decision or on a piece of paper and that is what it is.

And will you note that this is not for the elimination of Annual Conferences, this is for the elimination of Annual Conferences, of district organizations, of churches, of any structural organizations within The Methodist Church, on a mandatory basis. I've been interested in the statements made of the creation occasionally of islands of segregation in the Southern area. I won't go back over the facts. Truth may become threadbare. But it doesn't follow that those islands were created by the Methodist Episcopal Church prior to 1939. And the question is not what we may do in our area. We create nothing. It is under what circumstances and to what extent and when it is to the best interests to the cause of Christ and our great church to remove them

in such a way, in the way specifically found and determined by the General Conference of 1964.

May I call to your attention the fact that under that action more progress has been made in 29 months than had been made in the preceding eight years. And now within 29 months the rug is being jerked out from under all of those who have been trying to do—striving towards this great church. “If you don’t pledge this by such and such a time, that is it.”

May I say finally, that it seems to me, although I assume that this body will not listen to our plea, may I say that if this Majority Report is adopted, I believe it will be the saddest day we have had in The Methodist Church since I’ve been a member of the General Conference, beginning the year 1952. It is one that I regret to see come, and when action is taken directly contrary to the vote of the representatives of the Jurisdictions chiefly involved by a vote of 19 to 1 in their Council and contrary to the recommendation of the lay representatives of three million Methodists, we have come to a point which may be a point of no return.

And may I say in reference to the Minority Report, and the resolution pertaining therein, which we now ask be substituted for the Majority Report, it embodies the provision which was set forth in the plan of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and almost adopted by the Joint Councils of the Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions—a vote of 16 to 12, not being enough, we had to have two thirds—16 to 12 in favor of this plan; and the Judicial Council of this Church in Decision 234, April 15, 1966 stated that the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference has recommended that each of its Annual Conferences approve the transfer into the Southeastern Jurisdiction of such Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and sets forth the basis upon which that was suggested; and then held the procedures embodied in this plan of action are mandated under existing church law and the constitutionality of the plan is therefore sustained.

I ask and beg that you on this day permit the progress to continue which has been so tremendous and so wonderful in the last 29 months. Thank you.

Closing Statement—Majority—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, I’m not going to speak to the merits of the matter, strongly as I would like to disagree with some of the things that Mr. Satterfield and Judge Mouser and Mrs. Jones have said, but there are two reasons:

One is the pressure of time.

The other is my memory of one of the first cases I ever tried as a lawyer. I had an older lawyer with me and after the lawyer on the other side had argued at length, I started to get up and make a fine speech and my partner pulled my coattails and said, “Don’t say anything. The Judge is with you. Don’t give him any reason to change.”

So I speak only to the question of the spirit in which you vote, not the way in which you vote, because I hope that we can vote together as The Methodist Church, stating what is our policy, what is our goal, not our mandate but our determination and our pledge and our intention. And I feel it is the goal of all of us.

Now I have known Judge Mouser for 14 years. I worked with Ed Jones, John Satterfield, and they are great leaders in their Jurisdiction. But I don’t believe they represent all of their Jurisdiction any more than I represent all of mine, any more than I represent my Annual Conference or even my Sunday school class.

Judge Satterfield told us that he never would have believed in 1964 that the Southeastern Jurisdiction in 1966 would vote as it did; and

Judge Satterfield, you may not believe it, but I believe the Southeastern Jurisdiction in 1967 and between 1967 and 1972 is going to do something that it is going to solve this problem of our Church and lead us closer to the goal towards which we all want to work.

Now some of you may feel that you favor the Minority Report. If so, vote to substitute, and after you have voted to substitute, I think you will then vote on the adoption of the Majority Report; and even if you voted for the Minority Report to be substituted, when it is not substituted, join us in voting for the Majority Report so that we can be as nearly united as possible in saying, "This is what our Church is going to do its level best to accomplish."

Bishop Martin: We are voting now on the Minority Report, which, if adopted will become a substitute for the Majority Report. If you will adopt the Minority Report, you will lift the hand. Down. If you are opposed? The Minority Report does not prevail. (DCA, page 873; see Appendix, page 3060.)

Majority Report—Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations—Adopted

The vote was taken and the Majority Report was adopted. (DCA, page 874; see Appendix, page 3060.)

Appointment Announced—Bishop Richard C. Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines, President of the Council of Bishops, announced the appointment of *Clay Madison*, pastor of the Myers Park Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Closing Statement—Bishop Paul E. Martin

Bishop Martin: Let me say, as the meeting comes to a close this morning, a word of very grateful appreciation for the gracious attitude you have shown to your presiding officer. Let me express to Bishop W. Angie Smith, who has not been my man Friday, but my man Wednesday, a word of thanks for the invaluable services he has given me here this day.

Now we are going to stand and Bishop J. Arthur Moore, one of the great leaders of our Church, will conclude the meeting with prayer.

Benediction—Bishop J. Arthur Moore

Bishop Moore: Our gracious Father, in the midst of all of our debate and decisions, help us to remember and to faithfully appropriate those deathless certainties that are ours, that God is alive, that Christ is divine, that the Gospel is adequate, that the Kingdom is coming; and send us away from this place with Thy greatest gift, Thy peace and Thy presence in our hearts, for Christ's sake. Amen.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9, 1966 AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop Gerald F. Ensley, Presiding

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference convened for the afternoon session on the second day, Wednesday, November 9, 1966 at 2:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with Bishop Gerald F. Ensley of the Ohio-West Area, presiding.

The Hymn "Amazing Gace! How Sweet the Sound" was sung.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. (retired) offered the following prayer:
Let us bow reverently as we pray.

Eternal God, our Father, we thank Thee for the privilege that is ours. We pause in the midst of the activities in which we are engaged, to sing praises unto Thy name, and to approach the throne of grace as we offer our petition today.

Thou hast guided and protected us across the years. Thou hast given the mighty challenge to Thy church. And across these years, Thy church has attempted in many ways to accept and meet that challenge and to so proclaim Thy word and implement Thy Gospel that men might seek to know Thee and the world might be led to accept the responsibility of interpreting and implementing the Gospel in the social outreach of its tasks.

We thank Thee for the opportunity we have here to think together as we plan for our next step.

We bring many encumbrances in our thinking and in our practices. But under the guidance of Thy divine Spirit, if we are willing to lend ourselves to Thee and become obedient to Thy will, we will overcome these encumbrances and perfect a plan of strategies which will enable the church to face the issues of tomorrow with a united front as we endeavor to preach Thy Gospel and to implement the work of the Gospel in such fashion that the church may become a mission implementing and making real the truths of Thy redemptive love.

May we think together and may we learn to love each other. May we face the future with a challenge, and with a sense of responsibility to Thee and to our world.

Strengthen us, Father, for we pray in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

Agenda Committee Report Adopted—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC) moved that the agenda as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* become the official agenda for the afternoon session. The motion was passed. (DCA, page 874; see Appendix, page 2915.)

Dr. Young then said:

Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference, one reason why these two Conferences are meeting so close together is that we might keep in touch with the proceedings, each of the other.

I do know that an invitation is going to be extended from the Evan-

gelical United Brethren Church for a member of our delegation to come to their Conference and speak briefly to them, bringing them up to date on what we have done thus far.

In speaking with some of the members at the Joint Executive Committee at noon, it was our feeling—and I trust that I have the approval of the Agenda Committee. I haven't had a chance to meet with them.—But, I would hope that my Agenda Committee would approve this recommendation I am going to make so that we can extend to Dr. Paul Washburn, executive secretary of their Commission on Church Union, the privilege of coming before us for a brief statement sometime, either this afternoon or this evening, in order to bring us up to date on what they have done thus far.

This recommendation was approved.

Report of Committee of Chairmen—Willis M. Tate

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC): We are now ready to do the main and principal business of this Conference, which is to perfect the Plan of Union.

The various parts of the Constitution and Organization and Administration have been discussed and thoroughly, we think, reviewed by the Legislative Committees; and we will be hearing their reports and perfecting this Union today.

The Agenda Committee has asked me for you to take on the air of business, to keep your remarks short and brief and to the point, and reduce debate where you can and not to be repetitious.

They asked me not to threaten you, but just to remind you that if this admonition does not work, we will have to ask you to impose limits on debate later.

Now, the first part, and prior attention of the Legislation, will be on the Constitution.

This is Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3 of the Plan of Union.

If you will be having in your hand the Plan of Union, I think you can follow it.

As I mentioned this morning, only Part 1 is the Constitution, yes. We will be discussing Part 3.

Part 1 has been distributed to the various committees, but there were some parts that could not be assigned to the structure of the Legislative Committees. And we are asking the Ad Hoc Committee to act as a Legislative Committee to report those portions of the Constitution that need your attention and that will not come from the Legislative Committee.

If Mr. Parlin is ready, I am going to ask him to take that first. (DCA, page 875; see Appendix, page 2916.)

Ad Hoc Committee Report Presented—Preamble Adopted—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): It is my understanding that we will now go down seriatum through the items of the Constitution, Part 1—not adopting them, but perfecting the text—and the count vote on the Constitution and Enabling Legislation as a whole—will be taken according to the order of the day on Friday morning.

Certainly, these sections were referred out to the special Ad Hoc Committee you created.

The first two are the members of that Committee.

The Committee constituted the Executive Committee of the Ad Hoc, and that is Bishop Wicke, myself, Bishop Ensley, Miss Theresa Hoover, Dr. Lovick Pierce, Bishop Short, and *Dr. Norman Trott*.

Added to this, by the first motion of this body, were three—Dr. J. Wesley Hole, the General Secretary—the secretary of the General Conference; *Dr. J. Otis Young*, chairman of the Agenda Committee; and Dr. Emory Bucke of the—our Book Editor.

By the motion yesterday, there were added two pastors and one layman. You have named originally *Dr. Crutchfield*, *Dr. Nat Long* and Mr. James Water.

This morning, you withdrew the name of *Mr. Nat Long*, and for him you substituted the *Reverend Leon C. Matthis*.

So, these are now the members of this Committee, to whom these particular sections have been assigned.

I first call your attention to the beginning of the Constitution referred to us by the assignment, which is shown in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, 757.

Among the assignments which were made out to the various Committees, to this Committee which—whose names I have just read, was assigned Division 1, Article 1.

But, I take it that the design would include the Preamble and Paragraph 1, "Declaration of Union."

On these items, we had before our Committee no petitions.

The vote to accept the text as it appears before you was by unanimous vote, 13 to nothing.

I, therefore, propose that we accept as the text, the Preamble and Paragraph Number 1.

Bishop Ensley: As many as—

Well, perhaps you desire to discuss this? The motion is that we concur in the text of the Preamble.

As many as will vote concurrence will lift the hand. Opposed? It is done. (DCA, page 875; see Appendix, page 3008.)

Mr. Parlin: Second, the name! Your Committee brings you a recommendation, again, on the vote of 13 to nothing, that we accept this text.

I am not going back over the arguments. I think it was very well expounded by Bishop Wicke yesterday when he introduced the Plan, why we have returned to the proposal of "The United Methodist Church."

We had four petitions dealing with this name. One—Two said, "Fine, that's the right name. Let's go with it." One preferred the name "The Methodist Evangelical Church." The other preferred the name of "The United Brethren Church."

Your Committee was unanimous in recommending to you that we stay by the text of "The United Methodist Church," and I so propose.

Bishop Ensley: Do I hear a second? Motion now is one to concur in the text of Article 2 of Division 1. As many as will vote concurrence will lift the hand.

The motion was adopted.

Several parliamentary questions were asked and answered.

Motion to Reconsider Name—R. Laurence Dill, Jr.

Upon motion by *R. Laurence Dill, Jr.* (North Alabama—SE) the Conference voted to reconsider the action taken in adopting the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee relative to the name. (DCA, page 876.)

Substitute Motion Offered—Carl F. Lueg

Carl F. Lueg (Louisiana—SE): I would like to offer a substitute motion for the matter just presented, dealing with the name of The Methodist Church. I move we retain the name of "The Methodist Church" in the proposed new Church.

Bishop Ensley: All right, it has been moved and seconded that we substitute for the name offered here the present name, "The Methodist Church."

Do you care to speak, sir?

Mr. Lueg: Mr. Chairman and brethren, it was my privilege at the last session of our General Conference in 1964 to make a motion that we retain the name "The Methodist Church" in the new proposed Church.

This motion was received with an enthusiastic response. A conservative estimate would be that 90 percent of those voting approved it.

This action of the General Conference was laid aside later by the Ad Hoc Committee on the basis that the name "The Methodist Church" would not be legally available in some countries, and the Committee listed three where this would be true: Canada, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria.

However, during the interim period, the E.U.B. Church in Canada has gone on record according to Religious News Services, as not wanting to unite with The Methodist Church of the U.S., anyway.

The Canada Conference of the E.U.B. Church voted to merge with the United Church of Canada if the E.U.B. Church in the U.S. votes to merge with The Methodist Church.

By vote of 52 percent, they went on to favor union with the United Church of Canada even if merger plans do not materialize in the U.S.

With only Nigeria and Sierra Leone left facing difficulty at this point, it seems to me there should be some way available for legal relief at this point insofar as these countries are concerned.

I think the problem at this point is small when compared to the problem that will be created in the U.S. where the bulk of our membership resides, if we fail to retain the name "The Methodist Church."

For instance, if we add the word "United" to our present name, I think that we will consign the new church to the limbo of anonymity. That is, we shall become known by our initials and not by our name.

Since Unification in 1939, we have been known as The Methodist Church. We have enjoyed the distinction of being known by our name as are many other large denominations.

Prior to 1939, we were known as the M.P.'s, the M.E. Church, and the M.E. Church, South.

I think it is common knowledge that both the religious and secular press abhor long names. Hence, the press tends to designate the names of various institutions, both religious and secular, by their initials.

It is therefore reasonable, I think, to assume that the moment we add the word "United" to our present name, we shall soon be known as the "U.M.C."

As a matter of fact, I have even come across this reference in the *Christian Century* magazine and some of its editorial letters.

Furthermore, the suggested name, "The United Methodist Church," is a misnomer. There are several branches of the Methodist Church which are not yet a part of the organic whole, and to proclaim the proposed new Church as "The United Methodist Church," is misleading.

And, in adding the name "United" at the insistence of some as a kind of protection against an absorption of the smaller denominations, are we not really indicating a basic feeling of distrust? That is, if we are really in sympathy with one another to unite, do we need to change

the name? And, if we are not really ready for union on the basis of the present instrument, would the change really accomplish or mean anything?

It is my strong conviction that to add just this one word is to lessen the appeal and magnetism found in the very simplicity of our name, "The Methodist Church."

I would state in closing that I am heartily in favor of the union with the E.U.B.s, and am fully committed to such a union; and it is at this point that I want to see—and it is because of this that I want to see an effective, strengthening, and renewing union eventually consummated, that I raise several specific objections to the present Plan of Union, and the changing of our name is one of them.

We have a fine name. We have a great name. Let's keep it.

Question Raised—Roy Nichols

Roy Nichols (New York—NE) asked Bishop Wicke, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, to comment on the significance of the issue of the name as it relates to the E.U.B. Church.

Reply to Inquiry—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke: Mr. Chairman and my friends, this change of name was not requested by our E.U.B. friends, our Evangelical United Brethren friends.

This was proposed to the Commissioners by one of our own number. Having been proposed and circularized as it has been, they feel this is one concession we might be able to make and some of us feel that this would provide the open door for other unions and would probably not require, at some later date, another change. But for them, it has great significance, great significance.

Statement in Favor of Substitute—Carroll Long

Carroll Long (Holston—SE): In 1964, at the General Conference, I voted to have the new name of The United Methodist Church.

Since that time, I have talked to a number of the Evangelical United Brethren Church delegates here in Chicago. They are not insistent nor are they greatly concerned. In some instances, they said they couldn't care less. This is what they tell me.

The reason why I speak on behalf of the restoration of "The Methodist Church" is because that is what it will be.

If we call it "The United Methodist Church," it will be a misnomer. We do not have a united Methodist Church and we won't have until we have these other groups that would like to come back home with us in our midst as brothers and sisters in The Methodist Church and then, we will truly have a united Methodist Church.

Statement Opposing Substitute—Melville F. Harris

Melville F. Harris (Liberia—OS): I am personally opposed to the changing of the name from "The United Methodist Church" and I am in agreement that it will mean the united church for the simple reason that one of the speakers remarks that the E.U.B. Church members are excited over the name, "United Brethren."

Somewhere, in some of the papers that were presented me, I read where the people at the meeting or some of the E.U.B. members believe that they will be swallowed up in the mighty program that we are going through with, so I feel we should remain "The United Methodist

Church," not called "Methodist Evangelical Brethren," so I am opposed to having the name changed. I am in agreement with remaining "The United Methodist Church."

Several questions ensued. A motion was made by Carroll Long (Holston—SE) to lay the matter on the table until the Ad Hoc Committee could determine the attitude of the E.U.B. Church. This motion was withdrawn.

Statement Opposing Substitute—John C. Satterfield

John C. Satterfield (Mississippi—SE): No one has asked the floor to speak further for the motion.

I wish to oppose the motion for the reason it seems to me that where we do have these gentlemen which we hope will come into our Church and where the Chairman of the Committee has stated that they have become very enthusiastic about that, this is a material matter.

It seems to me we should not object to our Church being named "The United Methodist Church." I cannot agree with the position because there may be other Methodist churches, we are not The United Methodist Church.

I hope the motion will be defeated.

Question Relative to Voting

A question was raised whether in voting on a matter related to a provision in the Constitution a two-thirds majority is required. It was pointed out that the vote about to be taken was simply in the process of perfecting a document, and that the two-thirds vote required to amend the Constitution would apply later when the proposed Constitution is voted upon. One delegate took exception to the ruling on the matter by the presiding Bishop and requested that the question be referred to the Judicial Council for its ruling. The request for appeal to the Judicial Council was put to vote but did not carry.

Closing Statement—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): First as to the foreign countries. The first speaker listed them correctly where we have some problem, namely: Canada, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. On the facts, however, of Canada, he is wrong.

There are two Annual Conferences of E.U.B.s. One voted, as said, by fifty-two—fifty-six per cent that they would prefer to go into the United Church of Canada regardless of whether the union goes through or E.U.B. stands.

But there is a second Conference there which has voted unanimously that they do not want to go into the United Church of Canada; therefore, we will be in Canada.

This matter of the vote of our Pittsburgh Conference was taken back to our Joint Commissions, and we wrestled with this long and hard and conscientiously; and they knew that this General Conference had expressed a preference for the name.

It was—Now people say, "I have talked with an E.U.B. and he told me this—" I hate to think what some of us are telling E.U.B.s in the corridor, but we—

Now, they have 750,000 of them and they are no more in agreement on subjects than we are. We have to trust the judgment of their eighteen—nineteen man Commission which was set up to work on this matter. And after hours of patient, careful consideration of the problem, it was considered the judgment of the Commissions that this name was an essential part of their success in getting an affirmative vote in this General Conference and their affirmative vote in the Annual Conferences.

They have been most gracious on practically every item. In the end they have conceded our Methodist form and our Methodist procedures. This is the one item which they have to take back to their constituency as they make the rounds of the Annual Conferences which is exactly the way we do it where they say, "This is not absorption by the bigger denomination of the smaller. It is a union of churches made in good faith and we are recognized as a Church and we are being recognized as coming into the union." The name is about the only concession that we are asked to make.

Substitute Motion Defeated

The vote was taken on the substitute motion to restore the present name—"The Methodist Church"—to the report. The substitute motion was defeated.

Ad Hoc Committee Report Continued—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): The next item referred to our special Committee, paragraph three, Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith.

I suppose that this has caused more controversy than any other item, and I personally feel that we were wrong in simply printing the two without any explanation of what it meant to print the two.

If you will, turn with me to page 751 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, in the middle column. Page 751.

This is the second supplemental report of the Plan of Union.

There is a proposal that the title "Doctrinal Statements and General Rules" be prefaced by a statement.

Now this statement was drafted by some very competent theologian and gives, what I feel, is a very important statement of the doctrinal traditions of our church.

Because I feel this is a very vital thing, I am going to ask if I can't read the whole text, Mr. Chairman, because this is very important, I think.

It solves, I hope, most of the problems that many have had in this thing.

This is the Preface.

"The doctrinal traditions of both The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church stem from the Evangelical Revival of the 18th Century and have been conserved and developed through the generations until now. In this Plan of Union it is proposed that this heritage be cherished and its authentic development insured.

"In their original Constitution (1808), the American Methodists placed a Restrictive Rule designed to inhibit irresponsible doctrinal changes, 'contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.' This Rule has remained in force and unamended through subsequent schisms and reunion. It was renewed by the Uniting Conference of 1939 and is once again repeated in this Plan of Union.

"The phrase, 'our present existing and established standards of doctrine' has never been formally defined. In its original reference, however, it included as a minimum John Wesley's *Forty-Four Sermons*

on Several Occasions and His Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament. Their functions as 'standards' had already been defined by the 'Large Minutes' of 1763, which in turn had been approved by the American Methodists in 1773 and 1785. To these *Sermons and Notes* the Conference of 1808, that should be—added 'The Articles of Religion'—an abridgment of the XXXIX Articles of the Church of England prepared by Mr. Wesley in his revised version of the Book of Common Prayer ('The Sunday Service').

"In 1962, after sixteen years of union under the two confessions of faith, The Evangelical United Brethren Church adopted 'A Confession of Faith' based upon the doctrinal traditions of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church and intended as a convenient summary of the basic beliefs of evangelical-Christianity. In the present Plan of Union this *Confession* is placed alongside the Articles of Religion and becomes a stipulated reference in the Restrictive Rules. The Confession, the Articles of Religion and the Wesleyan 'standards' are thus deemed congruent if not identical in their doctrinal perspective and not in conflict.

"The purpose of such 'standards' is certainly not to displace the direct and primary authority of the Bible nor to stultify the responsible freedom of thoughtful Christians in the development of Christian doctrine. In all matters of faith and morals the authority of Holy Scripture stands supreme."

(Quotes from the Articles and from the Confession)

"Moreover, in the ongoing enterprise of theological reflection, the Wesleyan 'standards' have been rightly construed as the *negative* limits of *public teaching* in the Church rather than the positive prescription of an inflexible system of doctrine. This principle was clearly stated in the Deed of Union of the British Methodist Church (1932):

"The *Notes on the New Testament* and the *Forty-Four Sermons* are not intended to impose a system of formal or speculative theology on Methodist Preachers but to set up standards of preaching and belief which should insure loyalty to the fundamental truths of the Gospel of Redemption and insure the continued witness of the Church to the realities of the Christian experience of salvation."

"Our concern is that these Wesleyan doctrinal traditions shall continue as a fruitful source of theological understanding. They make no pretension to infallibility in and of themselves. Mr. Wesley consistently appealed to Scripture as the primary locus of divine revelation and to the historic creeds and 'the catholic spirit' as the larger context in which the Scriptures are to be interpreted. In like manner, the Wesleyan 'standards of doctrine' are designed to serve those who preach and teach in The United Methodist Church as sound guides to valid doctrine."

Your Committee brings to you in this Article, Paragraph Three, proposed for the Constitution, and this Preface to Part Two as a unit with the unanimous recommendation of our two Commissions, both the Methodist and E.U.B., and urge its adoption.

Substitute Motion Offered—Lewis H. Beckford

Lewis H. Beckford (Maine—NE): I would move to substitute to what the Committee has presented.

The substitute reads: "Article Three. The Confession of Faith of The United Methodist Church shall be that Confession of Faith which the Evangelical United Brethren Church brings to the Union."

If it is seconded, I would like to speak.

Bishop Ensley: Is this seconded?

From the Floor: Seconded.

Bishop Ensley: All right.

Mr. Beckford: I have been impressed by the continuing reference to the similarities of beliefs between the Methodists and the E.U.B.s.

I also have been impressed by the almost presently stated opinion that there is but one thing that E.U.B.s will have as a recall of their identity, namely in the name of our Church.

I believe that the similarity of belief warrants our using words of the twentieth century which the Evangelical United Brethren have been at work preparing while we have continued to call upon the Articles of Religion to carry our expression of faith into this twentieth century.

Second reason why I support this motion is that the COCU is currently working on a Statement of Faith. It has been proposed that after the Union of our Church should come to pass, the Commission could go to work and prepare some statement that was relevant to the twentieth century.

I feel this would be in one sense, if we have faith in the future of the ecumenical venture, a waste of a good many people's time.

Thirdly, I would present a practical reason why I feel that for the Conference of 1966 here assembled to put its approval on a Statement of Faith, which was relevant perhaps a hundred and fifty years ago, is to further confuse the laity of our Church who are already confused.

The fact of the matter is I happen to be a district superintendent of a district that includes both Mars Hill and Corinth.

The people in the vicinity of Forest Hill this last year, because a student from one of our Methodist seminaries went in and began to raise theological questions, questioned me in a quarterly conference as to whether or not The Methodist Church did not still believe and teach the Articles of Religion as its faith.

Now this is not an easy question to answer for people in the local situation and I feel if we had the Confession of Faith which has been worked out by our United Brethren as a statement, our people could understand it and we could communicate to them more truly.

For example, if we are to put our print of approval on Article XIV, that relates to Purgatory. If we are to put our approval to Article XXII which uses such a statement as "blasphemous fable and dangerous deceit," I think we are doing a disservice to the entire Church and to the ecumenical movement. These are the reasons for my motion.

Speaks in Opposition to Substitute—Albert C. Outler

Albert C. Outler (North Texas—SC): Mr. Chairman, this is at the very least a radical proposal. It means in effect to ditch the Wesleyan heritage that we have managed somehow to hold onto for 150 years. It means the summary recension, excision from doctrinal standards of the Articles of Religion. It means to substitute for that the Confession of Faith which is dated in the twentieth century but which is not there by actual twentieth century standards.

It would mean, it seems to me, that we would be doing something very precipitative in matters of our doctrinal standards, our doctrinal resources, the way in which we operate as a deliberative body with respect to fundamentals of the faith and to the negative limits of theological teaching in The Methodist Church.

I regard this as something that would be monstrously unwise and if it is to be done at all, it ought to be done in a more deliberate fashion with reference to a wider dialogue in the Church.

With respect to its ecumenical relations, I should like very much to urge the point that in COCU and in all of our other ecumenical dialogues with Methodists and non-Methodist members of the Christian community, it is precisely the Anglican and the Wesleyan heritage that we bring to these dialogues that is readily and almost universally recognized not as unique, but as distinct.

It would therefore seem to me to be an extraordinary act, reckless in the circumstances, to pass this motion.

Statement From Committee—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE). After several questions were asked and answered, Mr. Parlin said: It is very clear that these are not irrevocable. As we come to it in a moment, you will see that the proposed Constitution adopts verbatim the procedural methods for amendment of the Constitution the same as in the present Methodist Constitution and the restrictive rules. This is just as subject to amendment under the proposed Constitution for The United Methodist Church as they are amendable under the present Constitution of The Methodist Church.

The vote was taken on the Beckford motion, which was defeated.

Point of Order—John Van Sickle

John Van Sickle (Rock River—NC): A little while ago we first passed Article II in regard to the name without any discussion. Then we voted reconsideration. Then we voted down the amendment. But I believe, sir, we did not then repass Article II and I so move we now adopt that in regard to the name. We defeated the amendment but we did not go back and vote then on the II as it was.

Article II—Name Adopted

The Chair ruled the point of order was well taken and put the original motion to adopt Article II (name) to vote. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted. (DCA, page 882; see Appendix, pages 3003, 3008.)

Motion to Appoint Commission—Lee C. Moorehead

Lee C. Moorehead (Ohio—NC) proposed the appointment of a Commission to study the Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith and to report to the first General Conference following union. It was pointed out that the Enabling Legislation, Paragraph "H" specifically provides for such a Commission.

Article III—Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith—Adopted

After several questions had been answered by the Secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee, Article III was adopted and incorporated in the Plan of Union. (DCA, page 883; see Appendix, pages 3003, 3008.)

Article IV—Inclusiveness of the Church—Presented

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Next we come to the new Article IV which is proposed, entitled "Inclusiveness of the Church." This is found on page 751, column 1, where it is proposed that a new clause 4 be inserted to read as follows:

"Article IV. Inclusiveness of the Church. The United Methodist Church is a part of the Church Universal which is one Body in Christ. Therefore all persons without regard to race, color, national origin,

or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, to participate in its programs, and when they take the appropriate vows, to be admitted into its membership in any local church in the connection. In The United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body of the church because of race, color, national origin or economic condition."

That has caused some confusion here in Chicago. The intention of the Ad Hoc and the Joint Commission is clear. This is a statement of principle. This is not intended as a mandatory ending of Annual Conferences formerly of the Central Jurisdiction. This is not intended as a final 1968 date, as some people have attempted to read it, but as a statement of principle and this must be read in conjunction with the Enabling Legislation which specifically provides that they expect the United Church to carry out the program and plan of The Methodist Church as adopted from time to time by the General Conference. And here we have a clear mandate from our vote this morning.

Now in order to avoid any misunderstanding that this be read differently than our Joint Commission intended that it should be read, if this is adopted, I will immediately move that we present this with certain specific questions to the Judicial Council. To make sure, come Friday when we take our final vote, that we know what it means when the Judicial Council tells us, we will have a chance to reconsider it and come back and take another look at it. So this is before us for adoption now with the understanding we will move for interpretation by the Judicial Council with a chance to reconsider if we do not like how they interpret it.

Amendment Proposed—Will M. Hildebrand

Will M. Hildebrand (Southern California-Arizona—W): I wish to amend it by adding these words at the conclusion of it:

"There shall be no Annual Conference based on any ground other than regional or geographical division after the first quadrennium following union, provided that this provision shall not apply to the Rio Grande Conference without its consent nor to Annual Conferences formerly of the Evangelical United Brethren Church during the first three quadrenniums after union.

Bishop Ensley: Do I hear a second?

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Bishop Ensley: Do you care to speak?

Mr. Hildebrand: I realize this has already been before us, but it is before us now as a Plan of Union of the Church and we are here meeting as a part of the church of Christ. This morning we did not have a single Negro voice in this Conference supporting the action of what we did. This morning we did not act as the church of Christ, in my judgment. I think that we must do this, not for the sake of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, or the sake of the Southern California-Arizona Conference of which I am a part, but for the sake of the whole Church. This needs to be a declaratory statement at this time for Christ and his church. I pray we face this issue again and pass it.

Bishop Ensley: It would seem to the chair that this also is properly a legislative rather than a constitutional matter.

Mr. Hildebrand: Because Mr. Parlin felt that we really needed to go to the Judicial Council to get a clear meaning as to what was said

in this paragraph, I think it is simply stating what is in the paragraph in a language that everybody in this room understands, and that if this is what we want to do, we should be privileged to vote on it. If it is not what we want to do, then we pass it by.

Procedure Suggested

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): If you will turn to your Plan, page 8, this deals with Division Two: Organizations. You will notice Conferences, paragraph 5, deals with General Conferences. Paragraph 6 deals with Jurisdictional Conferences, and your Supplemental Report, No. 1, adds to the end of that paragraph: "Provided that in The United Methodist Church there shall be no Jurisdictional or Central Conference based on any ground other than geographical and regional division."

Now this amendment which you are proposing, sir, was proposed to our Commission as an amendment, not where you are putting it, but to paragraph 8 where it says: "There shall be Annual Conferences as the fundamental bodies of the Church, and if necessary, provisional Annual Conferences with such powers, duties and privileges as are hereinafter set forth." This seems to be the proper place for your amendment if you are going to put it in.

On the basis of this explanation, the amendment offered by *Will Hildebrand* was withdrawn.

Motion to Delete Article IV—G. Ross Freeman

G. Ross Freeman (South Georgia—SE): I'd like to move the deletion of Article IV from the proposed Constitution.

Bishop Ensley: Is it seconded?

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Bishop Ensley: All right, go ahead.

Mr. Freeman: This Article IV places in the Constitution of the Church a matter which is written almost entirely through the present *Discipline* and it places it in the Constitution so that it will be there from this point on. I wonder why the Committee feels that it is important to put this matter in the Constitution? You can legislate open door policy, as was proven in 1964, but it is impossible to force an open heart policy. If this matter is placed in the Constitution, in the language which we have here, it will be there forever.

Now we trust that in 1972 this matter of the Central Jurisdiction and the question of having an inclusive church will no longer be upon us. I wish that it were possible for us to exhume it from the Constitution at this very point. I would remind this General Conference that church attendance and church membership and church support is quite voluntary.

On the Glenn Memorial Church on the campus of Emory University we have had an open door policy for a long, long time. In addition to having an open door policy, they just employed a Negro theological student to work with the older youth of that congregation. In spite of the fact we have had an open door policy, in spite of the fact that we have welcomed those who have come to attend the services and to participate in the activities, we still have not had a Negro to apply for membership in the Glenn Memorial Church.

It seems to me that this matter is adequately provided for in all of the legislative program of the Church. We acted upon it this morning.

There is no reason which I can see why it should be included in the Constitution of The United Methodist Church.

Speaks Against Deletion—Roy Nichols

Roy Nichols (New York—NE): I really don't feel that this General Conference would be disposed to support the motion to delete. The principal argument of the gentleman who proposes deletion is that since we have an open end piece of legislation which does have a date on it, that to put this in the Constitution would keep the Church confronted with it ad infinitum. I don't think that we could make a good parallel of the Constitution of the United States, but we have had a few things in that Constitution since we started that we are still working on and I have a notion that for a long time to come we Methodists are going to need something like this to refer to in the very body of the Constitution of the Church.

We debated this other question this morning and we have resorted to compromise and discussion. But I think this one is it. We have got to make up our mind that we are a Christian Church and that we can support a matter like this and invest it in our Constitution or we might just as well conclude that we are a club, a religious club but a club. I therefore hope that this General Conference will certainly not support the motion to delete and make this a strong testimony of the Church by investing it in the Constitution of our Church and support it overwhelmingly.

Statement of Secretary of Ad Hoc Committee—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): The maker of the motion asked why we put it in the Constitution. I think that is a fair question. In one of our recent last negotiations of the Joint Commission, the Evangelical United Brethren Commission said, "What is the attitude of The Methodist Church on this issue?"

And we fumbled around in our *Discipline* and we pointed out paragraph 106, and they said, "That is thrilling. We would like to join you in that. But let's put it some place where people will read it and find it." And so we agreed this was an important principle and we put it right up in Division 1 of the Constitution.

That was the reason.

Article IV Approved

The vote on the motion to delete Article IV from the Constitution was taken and it was defeated. The vote was then taken on the approval of Article IV and it was approved. (DCA, page 885; see Appendix, pages 3003, 3009.)

Preface to Part II Presented and Adopted—Charles C. Parlin

A "Preface" to Part II of the Ad Hoc Committee Report—Doctrinal Statements and General Rules—was presented. It was adopted. (DCA, page 885; see Appendix, pages 3003, 3022.)

Hymn "Break" Taken

Bishop Ensley suggested the Conference stand and sing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," after which business was resumed.

Article IV Referred to Judicial Council

Upon motion of Charles C. Parlin, Article IV was referred to the Judicial Council. (DCA, page 885.)

Restrictive Rules Presented

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): We deal now with the Restrictive Rules, Paragraph 14; and those were amended by the second Report, which you will find on page 5—751.

I really don't think you need to trace through those changes in words. The only change made in the Restrictive Rules is that we have inserted the New Rule Number 2, which says that the "General Conference shall not revoke, alter or change our Confession of Faith."

That is the part that comes from E.U.B.

Article 1 will stay exactly as it is in our Methodist Constitution. "The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion, or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present, existing and established standards of doctrine."

This ties in with changes that appear in these two Articles, plus Paragraph 17, which says "The General Conference shall not revoke or change the General Rules of our Societies."

In other words, there are three Restrictive Rules which are before you now. There will be some other ones before you that will come up from the Committee on the Ministry having to do with the Episcopacy; and another having to do with the structure of General Conference, which will come to you by the Committee on Conferences.

The only thing that comes to you from this Special Committee are the three technical Restrictive Rules dealing respectively with the Articles of Religion, the Confession of Faith, and the General Rules of the Societies.

I move the adoption of these Restrictive Rules.

Bishop Ensley: Is it seconded?

Motion seconded.

Bishop Ensley: The motion is to adopt these three Restrictive Rules. Yes? I recognize *Brother Cherry*, Number 1.

Clinton M. Cherry (Philadelphia Conference—NE): I confess, Mr. Chairman, I am a little bit confused here, as I often am, but in this particular case, I wonder why we have this at all, since this, along with everything else in the Constitution, is indeed subject to change by the regular amendment procedure.

Why do we have to say we are not going to do what we can do as a matter of fact?

Bishop Ensley: Can you answer this inquiry?

Mr. Parlin: These Restrictive Rules were put in the Constitution in our General Conference of 1808, and have come through our Uniting Conference of '39, and it means that there are certain things that take a little more effort to change than others.

These Restrictive Rules mean that you've got to go through not only the Constitutional amendment procedure, which is two-thirds vote in the General Conference, plus two-thirds vote in the Annual Conferences, but there are certain things that should require still further vote, namely, there are certain items which should require three-quarters vote in the Annual Conferences.

And, this has been a tradition in The Methodist Church, and we are simply carrying this tradition, that there are certain things which should be a little more difficult to change than others.

Request for Deletion of Word "Romish"—Leon W. Bouton

Leon W. Bouton (Wyoming—NE): May I ask, Mr. Parlin, if it's possible to somehow delete the word "Romish" from our Articles of Religion? The "anti-Rome" reference.

Mr. Parlin: We have procedures for doing anything, but my experience is that when you touch those Articles of Faith, you open a Pandora's Box.

I tried to call attention to the fact that in the listing of the Books of the Bible, they had missed the Book of Lamentations and I thought it was a printer's error and I was going to put it back in.

And I had a swarm of theologians on my head telling me that I simply didn't understand history; that originally, this had been a part of the Book of Job, and at the time Wesley prepared these, this was part of the Book of Job. Now, I haven't looked up to see, but that's what they told me.

But in any event, it satisfied me that I wouldn't try to touch the Articles of Religion.

Paragraph 14, Articles 1 and 2, and Paragraph 17—Restrictive Rules Adopted

The Conference approved Paragraph 14, Articles 1 and 2 and Paragraph 17 of the Restrictive Rules to be included in the Constitution. (DCA, page 886; see Appendix, page 3011.)

Division Five—Amendments Presented and Adopted—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE) presented the proposal of the Ad Hoc Committee for Division Five—amendments. After several questions were asked and answered, this Division of the Constitution was adopted. (DCA, page 886; see Appendix, page 3022.)

Motion to Suspend Rule 39 Defeated—John C. Satterfield

John C. Satterfield (Mississippi—SE) moved that Rule 39 of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference be suspended "to the extent that when an amendment is proposed to the document (Plan of Union) which has heretofore been furnished to all members of the General Conference from which we are working, that any amendment thereof would require two-thirds vote."

Roy Nichols (New York—NE) spoke in support of the motion. *John Herr* (Philadelphia—NE) took the position that the motion was out of order. The motion was put to vote and was defeated.

Report No. 1—Committee on Christian Social Concerns—Adopted—Harold Bosley

Harold Bosley (New York—NE): Mr. Chairman, this is Report No. 1 from the Committee on Christian Social Concerns, dealing with the matter listed on page 17 or 757.

Under parts of the Plan of Union relating to the Constitution, the second proposal, A-1, it was referred to us by the Ad Hoc Committee. It dealt with whether or not the present Methodist Social Creed and the Evangelical United Brethren statements on standards of moral conduct and the "Preface" which is proposed on page 751 at the bottom of the third column and is continued on page 752,

through the first half of that column, whether these three documents should be included or how included in the Plan of Union. This is the report of the Legislative Committee.

As a starting point for drafting a revised social creed for The United Methodist Church, we approve the use of the present Methodist Social Creed and the Evangelical United Brethren Statement on Standards of Moral Conduct together with the "Preface" in the Supplementary Report on the Plan of Union.

This was adopted by a unanimous vote of those who were there and voting, and I give it to this house as the first report of our Legislative Committee. I move its adoption.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 899; see Appendix, pages 2947, 3037.)

Report of Committee on Conferences—D. Trigg James

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE): Mr. Chairman, I would like for the secretary of our Committee to please come forward and join me on the platform.

If you will, turn in the document to page Eight, Section One, Conferences, Articles I, II, III, IV and V.

These are recommended by the Committee on Conferences for approval. I move their approval at this time.

Amendment to Article IV Proposed—Harold Bosley

Harold Bosley (New York—NE): Harold Bosley from the New York Conference.

I want to direct the Conference's attention to Article IV and to a proposed amendment to this which is in line with the amendment that has been proposed in Supplemental Report Two, Article II, dealing with the Jurisdictional Conferences.

The amendment I should like to propose to Article IV has the article as it stands continued down to the end, but after the words "set forth" to put a comma in place of the period and to extend it to read in this fashion: "provided that in The United Methodist Church not later than 1972 there shall be no Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences based on any ground other than geographical and regional divisions."

"Provided further, this provision shall not apply to the Annual Conferences of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church during the first three quadrenniums after union."

If I have a second to this, I would like to speak on it briefly.

From the Floor: Seconded

Bishop Ensley: It is seconded. Continue.

Dr. Bosley: Mr. Chairman and brethren of the Conference, we are not now talking about The Methodist Church. We are talking about The United Methodist Church. We are trying to determine a firm constitutional base on which we propose to build the new church.

Now the Ad Hoc Committee has very wisely chosen to extend by the amendment Article II, making a specific provision that meets with the full understanding and concurrence of the Conference or at least almost the full, I'm sure, but this has not been done in Article IV.

We are going to have Annual Conferences for a long time to come, I think, in The Methodist Church—although you never can be sure of what the Plan of Union will do here before they are through.

But on this matter we have a right and we have a duty to put in the basic law of this new church, an understanding not only of what the Annual Conferences shall be but what they shall not be. That is the purpose of this amendment.

Speaks Against Amendment—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): I must oppose the amendment proposed by *Dr. Bosley*.

I had expected this issue to come up in our report this morning. It was debated, but it wasn't before us. I think that's where it should have been raised. I think if we were going to have a mandatory constitutional provision to eliminate Negro Conferences by 1972, we should have put it in the Constitution of The Methodist Church whether or not we merge with the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

I was prepared to oppose such a resolution if it had been presented this morning.

Although I so firmly hope we will not have any Negro Annual Conference after 1972, I don't think it should be at this time a mandatory constitutional deadline.

What we did this morning—and I tried my level best to explain it—was to set a target, to set a goal toward which we are determined to work; but I said we are not yet abandoning the principle of voluntary action. We are still hoping for volunteers.

If you put this into the Constitution, you have abandoned voluntary action, the voluntary approach, provided we are uniting with E.U.B.s.

And what we tried so hard to say this morning is that we are going to establish a policy of the entire church. We are going to do everything we can to bring it about, but we are not yet going to make it a Constitutional mandate, which this would do.

Consequently I must oppose it.

Committee Chairman Opposes Amendment—D. Trigg James

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE): Mr. Chairman, friends of the Conference.

The motion as stated would make mandatory the merging of the Indian Mission and the Rio Grande Conferences, and this is undesirable—very much so.

I would like to say in the second place for the information of the body that this exact resolution was offered at this exact point in the Committee on Conferences and it was voted down with a good majority.

Speaks in Favor of Amendment—Edwin E. Reeves

Edwin E. Reeves (Southern California-Arizona—W): It seems rather strange that the chairman of the Committee or the Commission on Interjurisdictional affairs should say that this matter should have been brought to the floor of the Conference at the time that that Report was before us and that if it had been, he would have voted against it.

Now we say that if it is brought to the floor, we were talking about the new church. It is not proper. It seems that there is always some more convenient time that we face the issue that is before us of the inclusive church.

Now we have made a lot of concessions and the Evangelical United Brethren Church have made concessions and I think they have made more than we have. They have been concerned about the position of The Methodist Church concerning race; that is why they have requested in the Constitution we have this inclusive statement of principle. But our trouble seems to be that whenever we try to put principle into practice, we have a problem.

Now we have been concerned about the whole Church, not just certain Jurisdictions, and I think the real question before us is what

will happen to the Central Jurisdiction when they are dissolved. Our concern therefore today is that as we bring together two Churches to form a new church, we are no longer under Amendment IX. We are now thinking in terms of renewal of what the new church shall say and shall do.

Now the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences has said this matter was brought to the Committee and it was voted down, but I think you will discover that later on in this report that this same principle was brought to the Committee for action and was adopted and will be before this Conference.

It seems therefore that if we are to form a new church that will be an inclusive church, it is not enough to say that in principle in the Constitution we believe all this, but when we say we want to put it into practice and that during the first quadrennium following union, it shall become a fact, we hedge. We want to take this step now.

Speaks Against Amendment—George H. Atkinson

George H. Atkinson (California-Nevada—W) Bishop and members of the Conference: I do not mean to be repetitious, but this is our same old proposition again. This is trying to take step 2, but at the same time to take step 1. It was defeated by this same Conference in 1964. It was debated again this morning, and it was defeated, and now in four or five places here we have to face this thing every time.

Now the motion was defeated this morning, in our own consideration of the matter, under the report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations. Now we are trying to get it in as an amendment to this new Constitution. Having said that, I would hope that we do not hang this racial thing around the consideration of the churches on the union. I came hoping not only to vote for union but to see it go through and I'm quite sure that the delegates here will vote for it. But this has got to be ratified by the Annual Conferences.

And if it has once been decided as a Methodist policy, I hate to see it tacked onto this to go to parts of the country where it will be misunderstood. We made our decision this morning. I think we should stay with it and not tack this onto every single amendment that comes along.

Previous Question Moved—R. Laurence Dill

R. Laurence Dill (North Alabama—SE) moved the previous question. This was voted.

Amendment Defeated

The amendment proposed by *Harold Bosley* was defeated.

Call for Division in Voting—Grady C. Pittard

Grady C. Pittard (Georgia—SE) called for a division in voting on the five Articles included in this section of the Report of the Committee on Conferences.

Adjournment

The vote on the Report was delayed until the next session. Bishop Paul N. Garber, Raleigh Area, dismissed the Conference with the benediction.

SECOND DAY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1966
EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop John Wesley Lord, Presiding

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference was convened for the evening session on the second day, Wednesday, November 9, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area, presiding.

The Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" was sung.

Prayer—Thurman L. Dodson

Thurman L. Dodson (Washington—C) led the Conference in prayer: The Lord be with thee.

The Conference: And with thy spirit.

Mr. Dodson: Let us pray. Our Father and our God, we bow our heads before Thee this evening in deep humility and in recognition of our utter dependence upon Thee.

We are grateful for the blessings which Thou has bestowed upon us and we would seek Thy guidance as we enter into the deliberations of the evening.

May we seek to discover for ourselves Thy will and when we shall have discovered Thy will, we pray for the courage and faith to follow where Thy spirit leads.

May we be conscious of our mission in the world and ever mindful in all our actions that we mirror and reflect the mind of Christ as we make our Christian way.

May we put aside all thoughts and considerations which would invalidate our Christian faith.

Finally, as we leave this place, may we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have been true to our faith and our Lord. In the name of Christ, we pray.

The Conference: Amen.

Bishop Lord: Thank you, Brother Dodson.

Before proceeding to the agenda of the evening, will you permit the Chair to announce that Bishop Newell Booth of the Harrisburg Area will be my supporting officer of the night? And I think it will greatly facilitate the work of the stenotypists and the secretaries if we will observe Rule 6. Permit me to read the Rule which, when it has been observed, fills in the breach.

"When a delegate desires to speak to the Conference, he shall arise at his designated seat."

Let me skip. "If by reason of the intended brevity of his remarks, he speaks from one of the microphones in the aisles of the assembly hall, he shall first announce his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents."

Now, here is the observance: "—which, in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference."

Will you permit the Chairman to perform that part of the Rule?

That will give the person in charge of the microphones time to activate that microphone and avoid perhaps the lapses that we have heard thus far in the deliberations.

Agenda Committee Report—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): This afternoon, you gave approval to hearing a statement from a representative from the Evangelical United Brethren Conference.

Your Committee on Agenda would recommend that we hear that representative at this time and then proceed with the other items as listed on the agenda. (DCA, page 902; see Appendix, page 2915.)

Dr. Paul L. Washburn, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Church Union of the E.U.B. Church—Presented

Bishop Lord: Thank you, sir. Any objection to this proposal?

Hearing none, I am very honored to present to the Conference, *Dr. Paul Washburn*, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Church Union for the Evangelical United Brethren Church. *Dr. Washburn*.

Dr. Washburn: There is a superlative kind of joy in being invited to come across that twenty-foot hall which divides us to share with you something of what has been going on in our Conference.

It has been amazing, from time to time, as we have become involved in our own affairs over there that we have been so unaware of you—but never really so, because at all times, we know that we are here to meet you.

And so, I have come tonight to greet you in the name of the one Lord of the one church, who is giving us an opportunity this week to decide whether or not we want to express something of the visibility of His church in the world.

Now, prior to our coming to Chicago, our delegates had been receiving at two-week intervals, a document called "Interpretations," in which we have tried to inform them thoroughly about all of the portions of the Plan of Union.

In the spots of our Church where we knew that we were having misunderstanding, I have been making personal appearances for many weeks, speaking to delegations, trying to help them to understand the Plan.

We have not worked at this as though we were trying to sell it but only to interpret it and make it a public affair so that the people of our Church would know what they were asked to make a decision about.

Since we have come to Chicago, the Plan of Union has been presented by our Commission as a gift of our labors and a gift of the labors of our fellow Methodists on the Joint Commission to the General Conference, trusting that they will deal with it in a way which can be honored by the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

In the last hours, we have had twenty discussion groups with about twenty-five persons in each one which have dealt with the Constitution and the Enabling Legislation and I was informed about five o'clock today that all of these discussion groups have satisfied themselves that they understand the Constitution and the Enabling Legislation.

They have a few suggestions to make about it but we understand there will be a few suggestions coming from this side of the hall also and somewhere in this building, some of us will meet to see how the suggestions meet.

I am convinced that ours is a problem of motivation.—

If we want to do this, nothing can stop us.

If we don't want to do it, we can't solve the problems.

And so, we do need to be thinking in these hours about what it is that truly motivates a Christian to stand tall and make a tall decision.

Now, I am well aware, Mr. Chairman, that what I have said thus far does not give you much specific information about what our Conference has done but I trust it does convey that we are trying to deal responsibly with these documents; we are trying to come to mature decisions about them and we are hoping that when our Conferences meet through our Joint Committee, that we will meet in a way which will make it possible for us to meet as Churches.

I thought perhaps the best thing I could do for you tonight would be to share with you a portion of what I said to our Conference the other day in trying to set a mood for what we are doing and, with this, I would like to greet you, Bishop Lord, and all of you bishops and all of you members of The Methodist Church:

"Surely, we will make our pilgrim way through the next hours with confidence, assured that our confidence has a firm foundation.

"Our confidence is in God, God who has revealed himself to us through his Son, Jesus Christ, God who acts among us here and now with grace and power through his Holy Spirit.

"Reuel Howe said, in *The Christian Story*, 'God is not passive but active.'

"He initiates the story's whole action.

"He is the initiator because He is the one who understands man's need.

"He comes as a person into the broken order of personal relations to live with men in a face-to-face, person-to-person relationship and through this process, beginning with this personal historical encounter and continuing through the coming of the Holy Spirit, he brings into being the new order of redeemed personal relations.

"Just so, he is with us now. Our confidence is in God.

"Our confidence is in one another.

"We have been sent here—" —and this is now pitched from our side of the hall—

"We have been sent here less than 500 of us, to make a decision in behalf of 750,000 Evangelical United Brethren Christians and not for them only but in a less direct way, for 10,300,000 Methodist Christians.

"Our being sent for so important a task vests us with the dignity of trustworthiness and demands of us more than common churchmanship.

"Each of us and all of us stands in humility before our responsibility.

"Each of us and all of us will lean heavily upon God for guidance.

"Therefore, we may have confidence in one another as we are here under orders and willing to trust and obey.

"Our confidence is in one another. Our confidence is in what will go on between us.

"One modern divine said, 'The kingdom of God is in what goes on between us.'

"Here, we will not permit selfishness, suspicion, fear or hostility to go between us.

"To do so would be to swamp down in disobedience to our Lord, to thwart the Holy Spirit's action between us.

"In the words of another modern saint, 'We look at each other without mistrust, meet each other without fear and talk with each other without surrendering principle.'

"Here, we will permit only the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has reconciled us to God and to all of God's people to go on between us and not between us only but between us and those who meet in another room.

"Our confidence is in the decision we will make.

"We know that our corporate decision will possess authenticity and authority which our individual decisions cannot possess.

"All of us have been led by the church's decisions to sanctifying experiences which we would not have chosen by our own decisions.

"This has been true in the past. It will be true here because we are reconciled in Christ.

"When the decision is made, we will trust the decision, rally around Him and go forth together.

"Our confidence is in the decision we will make.

"Joy will be our companion and the companion of our confidence for here, we intend to do that which is supremely right for two churches.

"Here, we intend to do that which holds promise for our children and our children's children.

"Here, we intend to do that which will honor and please our Lord.

"What we are trying to do will give us joy. Our hearts will burn within us as He talks with us, by the way.

"Lead on, o King eternal, we follow not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.'"

This is our greeting and we bring it to you with the fond hopes that this hotel, so often filled with so many things, may, in these hours, be filled with prayers for the guidance of God's spirit that we may give some measure of visibility to the only church there is, under the only Lord there is.

Thank you.

Bishop Lord: Thank you, *Dr. Washburn*, for bringing to us an authentic witness of a motivation that is indeed truly of Christ. We want you to take the greetings of this assembly back to those divided from us by about twenty feet, and wish them well.

Report of Committee of Chairmen—Willis M. Tate

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC): It is the function of the Steering Committee, composed of the chairman of the various Legislative Committees, to steer this Legislation through the General Conference.

Will you turn to page 757? I'd like to have you keep score for us.

You will see a list of the petitions on the next three pages that must be considered on the floor of this Conference. All of these matters have been now taken and given to each of the Committees, have been deliberated, and are ready for report.

But, actually, we are down to A-2. We have completed two of these petitions. We have a long way to go, and I would urge you to be inspired by *Dr. Washburn's* magnificent plea—such words as "trust," and "confidence," and "faith."

There are two things that are obvious to all of us. One is that any sort of a compromise or change cannot possibly be completely satisfactory to any single delegate.

We all have some reservations about some of the matters that have been presented.

But, another thing is very clear. We cannot possibly perfect or write a Constitution of this Church and a *Discipline* by using the committee of the whole of some 950 members.

We are going to have to realize that we have had a very effective Joint Commission, an Ad Hoc Committee, Legislative Commissions and Committees that have been dealing with this for two years, and I think if we'll get to work now, we can do what we are determined to do and what *Dr. Washburn* says we will do if we want to do it enough; and that is to perfect this Union.

My only plea is that we do it entirely.

I would now suggest that we continue with the Committee on Conferences for perfection of the Constitution as it refers to them. (DCA, page 903; see Appendix, page 2916.)

Report of Committee on Conferences Adopted

The Committee submitted Division Two—Section I, Paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the proposed Constitution for approval. These Paragraphs were approved. (DCA, page 903; see Appendix, pages 2952, 3009.)

Section II—General Conference—Presented and Adopted

The Committee presented Section II—General Conference, Paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 as printed in the Ad Hoc Committee Report, but with an amendment on the end of Paragraph 11 to add these words: "Unless the General Conference, by a two-thirds vote, shall determine that other business may be transacted." These three Paragraphs as amended were adopted. (DCA, page 903; see Appendix, pages 2952, 3010.)

Paragraph 13—Article IV—Presented and Adopted

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE) presented Paragraph 13, Article IV calling attention to changes to be made in the text. *William Cannon* (North Georgia—SE) proposed the addition of the word "qualifications" in sub-Paragraph 2. This addition was accepted by the Committee. (DCA, page 904; see Appendix, page 2982.)

Inquiry Relative to Item Number 3 Under Article IV— Douglas F. Verdin

Douglas F. Verdin (New York—NE) asked why Jurisdictional Conferences are not named along with other Conferences in this Paragraph?

Charles Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE) replied: This is not a printed error. It was left out advisedly, because the Jurisdictional powers were set up in the Constitution, and the General Conference does not have power in connection with the Jurisdictional Conference.

Harold Bosley (New York—NE): I am not satisfied with Mr. Parlin's explanation as to why we do not have "Jurisdictional" in, and have "Annual Conference" in. If I am looking correctly at this, Section IV on page 10 deals with Jurisdictional Conferences, and we have a section dealing with Annual Conferences on the next page, page 13. Now, both are covered in terms of the actual structure of the church; and now, what I am trying to find out, what we are trying to find out, is why, when provision has been made for delineating the powers, the relationship of the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference to the Annual Conferences, both are not named? That is the point of the question of my colleague; and I should like to renew it, and ask why the word "Jurisdictional" does not appear in Point 3 of Paragraph 13 on page 9?

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE) replied: In the first place, it's not in the Methodist Constitution now. This is a direct take from the Methodist Constitution; and it was my understanding, when this was established in 1939, that it was felt that the Jurisdictional Conferences stood on their own feet in the section of the Constitution where their powers and authorities are defined, and that

therefore, they were not included in the provision for the powers of the General Conference.

If you will turn to your own present *Discipline*, Paragraph 8, Article IV, paragraph 3, you will find there that Jurisdictional Conferences are not included. We simply copied, at this point, the pattern of the Methodist Constitution.

Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE): I have a question I would like to ask of Mr. Parlin, if I may.

If we do not add the word "Jurisdictional" here, and if we should ever wish to put an end to voluntarism, I find that, as this Conference goes on, I get more and more discouraged about the possibilities of putting an end to discrimination. Will we be able to have the authority to end segregation in The Methodist Church, unless we add "Jurisdictional" here?

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): I chaired the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations for two quadrenniums, as you recall, and brought the reports, the 1960 and the 1964 General Conferences.

It was our feeling that, if we were going to take action to dissolve Annual Conferences, it would probably take a Constitutional Amendment. It could not be done by a General Conference legislatively. That was the opinion of our commissions as we studied it.

Amendment Proposed—Douglas F. Verdin

Douglas F. Verdin (New York—NE): I recognize the fact that this is not in our *Discipline*, and this makes me even more interested in why we do not have it here.

We are providing the Constitution for a new Church. I should like to move, Sir, an amendment to this section of the proposed Constitution, to insert the word "Jurisdictional," so that the paragraph 3 would read: "to define and fix the powers and duties of Jurisdictional Conferences and Annual Conferences" and so on.

Speaks in Support of Amendment—Eugene L. Smith

Eugene L. Smith (Northern New Jersey—NE): Mr. Chairman, I am not a lawyer, but I should like to point out that, apparently, the Constitution almost requires that we do this, because, on page 11, Paragraph 24, dealing with the Jurisdictional Conferences, it states: "The Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the following powers and duties, and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference."

If the General—this presumes, at least in part, such ability on the part of the General Conferences.

I also point out that it is an almost parallel statement to that on page 13, at the end of Paragraph number 35, referring to Annual Conferences.

"The Annual Conferences are the basic constitutive body of the Church." It says of the Annual Conference: "It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as a General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

I submit, Mr. Chairman, that in consistency with these provisions of the *Discipline*, and in recognition of the fact that the Annual Conference is a basic constituted body of the Church, such provision for action in regard to the Jurisdiction should be in the Constitution.

I support the amendment.

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Not to enter into the debate at this point, but merely to point out the fact, if you will turn with me to Paragraph 24, Article V, this is what *Dr.*

Smith is talking about. This is quite different from the Annual Conference where the General Conference has certain powers.

Note that Paragraph 24 says, and this is copied from our 1939 Constitution, as there adopted:

"The Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference."

In other words, the powers of the Jurisdictional Conferences are stated in the Constitution, and the General Conference has the right to grant them additional powers, but no right to take away from them the powers that are stated in this section.

Substitute Motion Proposed—John Satterfield

John Satterfield (Mississippi—SE): I move, as a substitute for the pending motions that there be added at the end of paragraph Arabic 3, under Article IV, on page 9, the words, "and to confer other powers and duties upon the Jurisdictional Conferences, in addition to those stated in this Constitution," and if I have a second, I would like to discuss the point.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Satterfield: I believe this will conform this provision with that appearing on page 11, Paragraph 24, in which there is set forth the powers and duties under the Constitution of the Jurisdictional Conferences, and in which is provided the Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the powers, "the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference."

I think this will conform—take care of the possible conflict, whereas the amendment heretofore pending, in my opinion, would cause a direct conflict with the provisions of Paragraph No. 24, on page 11. I believe it would take entire care of the problem.

Speak Against Substitute—Lemuel K. Lord

Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE): Bishop Lord, I worry about that phrase, "other powers." It seems to me one of the things we came here to do at this Conference was to find out whether the General Conference tells the Jurisdiction, or whether the Jurisdiction tells the General Conference.

It seems to me we are in great danger, if the Jurisdiction tells the General Conference. I do not like the phrase, "other powers."

I should like to see us leave the door open for that time when we shall have the end of discrimination in The Methodist Church.

Satterfield Amendment Defeated

The vote was taken on the amendment offered as a substitute by John C. Satterfield (Mississippi—SE). The amendment was lost.

Closing Statement on Verdin Amendment—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Well, I think, representing the Ad Hoc Committee, we always have the last word, or are supposed to.

Merely a statement of fact. When we came into negotiation with the E.U.B. Commission, one of the very first problems was the Jurisdictional system. The E.U.B.s never heard of it. They weren't familiar with it, and we had to go and discuss it.

Now, this subject has been reviewed carefully numerous times, since the Uniting Conference of 1939. If you recall, a special commission of 70 was appointed to study the matter and bring in the Report to the 1960 General Conference.

That Report recommended the continuance of the five regional Jurisdictions, and that Report was almost unanimously adopted in the end; but it was reviewed again and again and confirmed for the present and foreseeable future. We retain the Jurisdictional system.

Your Commissioners felt that they did not want to change any words that would lead to argument. If we are going to have the Jurisdictional system, let's operate it; this is the attitude of our Ad Hoc Commission. Let's operate with it, as we know it, as we understand it, rather than get in a lot of controversy by changing words here and there.

It would be the recommendation of our Ad Hoc Committee, I think, after studying the matter and coming to the conclusion that we should not attempt to change the wording of our jurisdictional setup without a very careful review and study and not certainly do it by motions from the floor in a big conference like this.

Verdin Amendment Defeated

The vote on the *Verdin* Amendment to Paragraph 13, Article IV, sub-paragraph 3 was taken and the amendment lost.

Paragraph 13 As Amended Adopted

The vote was taken on Paragraph 13, Article IV as amended. The report of the Committee on Conferences which included this Paragraph was adopted. (DCA, page 907; see Appendix, pages 2952, 3011.)

Committee on Conferences Presents Paragraph 19—D. Trigg James

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE) presented Paragraph 19 and made editorial corrections.

Motion to Amend—John H. Rixse, Jr.

John H. Rixse, Jr. (Virginia—SE) : I move that, on page 10, Part I, the Constitution, Paragraph 19, Article VII, the lines 7, and 8, and line 26, delete the words, "the first three quadrenniums," and insert instead the words, "the first two quadrenniums."

Bishop Lord: Thank you, sir. Is there a second to this motion? It is before you. Would you speak to it, Brother Rixse?

Mr. Rixse: Yes. For some time, some of us have been working with this problem of how long it should take for there to be an adjustment for the E.U.B.'s to come into the larger fellowship that we have, and to adjust to our organizational structure, and it seems reasonable that there be some adjustment period.

However, twelve years, or three quadrenniums, seems to be a bit undue length of time. Four years, or one quadrennium following unification, would seem to be the time required for all of us to shake down; then, one more quadrennium for them to adjust would seem to be adequate, and that would bring us all together at the end of two quadrenniums.

Reply of Ad Hoc Committee

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): I seem to understand the working of this. You have to follow that section down to the bottom; but it takes Paragraph 19, down four lines from the bottom. "The General Conference may adopt legislative rules designed to carry out the intent and the spirit of this provision."

Now, those legislative rules are found on page 97, paragraph 502, called "Representation."

This shows how it works, for the first quadrennium, and including the General Conference of 1972, the E.U.B.s would have 13 percent of the delegates. This is scaled down, then, by 50 percent for the next quadrennium, so that if there is a special session, we come to the General Conference of 1976 and at least 6.5 percent of the delegates are to be chosen from the Evangelical United Brethren membership. This is because both sides have to scale down.

If a special session is held, or we come to the General Conference of 1972, it says, "13 percent of those delegates shall have come from the membership of the E.U.B.s and 87 percent shall have come from the Methodist membership." Now, after that you scale those figures both down by 50 percent, so that by the General Conference of '76, it is required that 6.5 percent of the delegates must come from the E.U.B.s, and 43.5 percent must come from the Methodist membership.

Now, this means that there will be a lot of people at the '76 General Conference who have come into The United Methodist Church during this eight-year period, and will have no roots or history back to either of our denominations.

So, this Conference of '76, has only these limitations of 6.5 percent E.U.B.s, 43.5 of Methodists, and the balance can come from any place, from E.U.B.s, from Methodists, or from United Methodists who have no roots back in either of the constituent denominations. And then, you will notice, in General Conferences subsequent to the General Conference of 1976, there are no requirements.

So, actually, the way this formula works out, it applies to only two General Conferences, and only in the first one does the double representation, in fact, have any significance, because, by the time you get to the second General Conference, namely that of 1976, you are already scaled down to 6.5 percent, which is just about their mathematical proportion anyhow.

So that, they have accepted an interpretation of those three quadrenniums which, I think, is a very reasonable one; and certainly one that shouldn't bother us.

Questions for Clarification Asked and Answered

Several delegates asked questions for clarification which were answered by the Secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Amendment to Paragraph 19 Defeated

The Rixse Amendment to Paragraph 19 was put to vote and was defeated.

Amendment to Paragraph 19 Proposed—Walter Hazzard

Walter Hazzard (Delaware—C): I move to amend Paragraph 19, Article VI, beginning with line 5. After "Central Conferences," I move that we delete the following words, "on all boards and agencies at the Annual Conference, Central Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, and General Conference levels."

I move that this part of the Paragraph be deleted.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Hazzard: I think, Mr. Chairman, if we delete this section, it will give adequate representation to the members from the E.U.B. Church in the Annual Conferences, in the General Conferences, in the Jurisdictional Conferences, without complicating the situation of guaranteeing a certain number on every board and agency of an Annual Conference, especially in those Conferences where there would not be E.U.B. representatives.

Ad Hoc Committee Replies to Amendment

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): This goes rather to the essence of the agreement with these people that they would be represented, even nominally, with a minimum of one member on each board. They are bringing to the Church, as I think I mentioned earlier today, a very substantial amount of property interests. Many of them had a hard time with their conscience to turn this property over, because the day this Plan becomes effective, all of that property and all of their Churches, their whole connectional system, becomes a part of—the titles belong to The United Methodist Church. And could they justify in their own conscience, turning this property over without having some representation on the agencies which would be administering it?

This seemed to us a minimal arrangement for giving that guarantee.

Inquiry Made to Ad Hoc Committee—Vincent Mouser

Vincent Mouser (Louisiana—SE): Let me ask a question which revolves around the meaning of the word "practical" as applied to the requirement that the Evangelical United Brethren Churches have at least one member on each Annual Conference, board or agency, regardless of size. Now, I can understand that, if there are no Evangelical United Brethren Churches whatsoever in a Conference, that we could certainly determine that it would not be practical to have any members of that Church on that Annual Conference boards and agencies.

In Louisiana, I am informed we have two quite small Evangelical United Brethren Churches. I would gather, perhaps, they have fifty to a hundred members in each church, with perhaps twenty or twenty-five adult members in each church.

Now, revolving around the word "practical," if we had enough members of those two churches to put every adult member on one of these boards and agencies, would the practicality of the situation require that we do that?

I am just wondering how that would be solved, Mr. Parlin.

I don't want to offer an amendment, because this Conference is voting down these amendments, and wisely so; but I am asking Mr. Parlin to tell us how we can get off that hook, and perhaps let the Committee offer an amendment which will get us off of that hook.

Further Clarification Sought—Robert H. Courtney

Robert H. Courtney (North-East Ohio—NC): A question to Mr. Parlin, again, Mr. Chairman.

If I heard him right, I think he said something to the effect that the General Conference formula on page 97, would apply across some of these other lines. And yet—and he indicated then—as he said there, in the third quadrennium, this would have gone on, so to speak. But, if we turn to pages 132 and 133, we find directions for relative representation for General Conference boards and agencies and Jurisdic-

tional Conference boards and agencies which carries over into the third quadrennium.

In the North Central Jurisdiction, for example, "8 percent of membership on boards and agencies shall be Evangelical United Brethren in the quadrennium '76 to '80."

I would like for him to clarify this somewhat.

Mr. Parlin: I think that your point is well taken, that my statement was too abrupt; because, whereas a General Conference would end with '76, and that would end the representation, the boards and agencies would carry forward up to the General Conference of 1980 and these scaled down figures would apply during that period.

The principle of the scale-down, however, is identical; but the period they continue depends on the nature of the case. The last one is the General Conference of '76. These agencies do continue.

Hazzard Amendment Defeated

The amendment offered by *Walter Hazzard* (Delaware—C) was put to vote and was defeated.

Paragraph 19 Adopted

The vote was taken on Paragraph 19 as amended and the Paragraph was adopted. (DCA, page 910; see Appendix, pages 2952, 3012.)

Committee on Conferences Presents Paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE): We continue on Page 10, Article I, Paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24—sub-paragraphs 1, 2 and 3. There is an amendment offered to the Committee to be listed as "b." Make the first part of 4 "a" and insert the new one as "b." I am asking *Dr. J. Henry Ernst* to present this.

J. Henry Ernst (Pacific Northwest—W): Mr. Chairman, the paragraph is as follows: "There shall be no Annual Conference based on any ground other than regional or geographical division after the first quadrennium following Union, provided that this provision shall not apply to the Rio Grande Annual Conference or the Indian Mission Conference, without its consent, nor to Conferences formerly of the Evangelical United Brethren Church during the first three quadrenniums after Union.

Bishop Lord: Thank you. Now, that becomes a part of the Report by vote of the Committee, and is, therefore, before you for discussion.

J. Henry Ernst: There isn't a great deal more that can be said about this, I'm afraid. Certainly nothing new.

But, at the time this was voted last night, it was late and several such motions as this had been before us and had been defeated.

Then one more motion was made to put a deadline on segregation, or when segregation should finally come to an end.

I think the momentum came when we realized how long this putting off had gone on. Since 1956, actually.

At the time, the high hopes were born with the advent of Amendment IX, and the feeling that very soon we would begin to make positive and meaningful progress towards the elimination of segregation.

But, 1960 came, and nothing much happened.

And our hopes went up again with the promises that ensued at that General Conference.

1964 came, and still we were far short of the goal; and still we

were persuaded to wait another four years, thinking that by 1968, something real would happen.

I think that probably it was the realization of how long these frustrations had been ours that sent us into action.

All the frustrations and disappointments and pent-up emotions burst their bounds, and we overrode for the first time in ten long years and had our way about saying that there should be a deadline.

Now, you may refuse to accept this addition, but you can't take away that moment of victory that we had.

Motion to Amend by Deleting Addition—George Atkinson

George Atkinson (California-Nevada—W): I wish to move the deletion of this last amendment as just read, and if I get a second, I will speak to it.

Bishop Lord: Is there a second? (Motion seconded) It is duly seconded, and it's before you. Will you speak to it, Brother Atkinson?

Mr. Atkinson: This is the same amendment which in different places we voted down three times now. It was voted down on the Committee on Conferences report last night early in the session. Last night about 10:30 or 11:00, it passed 31 to 28, and I don't want to take his moment of victory away from him, but unless we are going to do what we have decided several times today, this amendment should be voted down.

Speaks Against Amendment to Delete—Wilbur C. Ziegler

Wilbur C. Ziegler (New England—NE): I would like to pray, gentlemen of this Conference, in the name of God, for once let us look at this thing not in terms of structure, but let us look at it in terms of the mission of the Church in the world in which we live.

How can we possibly go out into this kind of a world where right now, as we sit here, in the comfort of this place, men are dying in battle without any regard of race or creed or color?

They can die together, why in Heaven's name can't we live together like this?

In the name of the mission of the Church, let us turn down this amendment to delete and let us instead add the amendment that has been given.

Speaks in Favor of Deletion—John H. Rixse, Jr.

John H. Rixse, Jr. (Virginia—SE): Brethren, I think we have come to the time when we should not attempt to let our emotions sway us or be swayed by the emotions of others. And, I apply this to us all.

At this particular moment, I have a feeling that I am in an enlarged official board meeting where a motion was brought up early in the evening. It didn't prevail. And all during the evening, an effort was made to put it over.

Now, I don't believe that the General Conference wants to be in that category.

We have made a decision, Brethren. Let's stand by it and make it work.

Speaks Against Amendment to Delete—Joseph E. Lowery

Joseph E. Lowery (Southern Alabama—C): Mr. Chairman and members of this historic General Conference, I think it is indeed an historic Conference, because we face an exciting parallel between the Conference and the Union that we—the new beginning that we had in 1939 and 1940, and the possible new beginning in 1966 and '68.

At that time, as we had that new beginning, we embraced racism

in the life and structure of our Church. We voted against a motion of reconciliation made on Calvary by the Lord of our Church.

And we deleted that motion, and we erected walls of separation in terms of Annual and Jurisdictional Conferences.

And after twenty-six long years, those walls still separate us.

Was God wrong? What is wrong with the children of God whom God has chosen to hue with color, that we continually reject them and their fellowship and our reconciliation with them in the name of our risen Lord?

How long must we wait for a favorable and affirmative vote on that motion?

Is there something wrong with us? If we are discriminated against because we are unclean, we wash. If we are discriminated against because we are ignorant, we seek to learn. If we are discriminated against because we are loud or boisterous, we seek to be refined and intelligent.

But, if we are rejected on the basis of our color, we are helpless, because God made us black, and there is nothing we can do about it.

And so, we appeal to this Conference in the name of what may be the last opportunity at this historic session to make a witness, a universal witness in this today, and approve a motion that Christ made when he died.

We ask you to settle an issue that has already been settled on the actor's stage, on the athlete's field, on the dancer's pavilion. It's been settled in the beer drinker's saloon, but it has not been settled at the altar beneath the cross of Jesus, where it was settled so long ago.

Speaks in Favor of Deletion—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, I am sure that many of us join with *Brother Lowery* in his motion, in his feelings, insofar as those of us who are white can possibly understand the feelings of those of color.

I feel just as emotional as the brother from New England, and share his desire, but in our Commission, we carefully considered this matter at great length, and we were convinced that we can sooner eliminate racial structure from Methodism if we establish a goal and do everything we possibly can with determination to reach that goal than if we attempt Constitutional—mandatory legislation. And I believe that was the decision this morning—I think it is wise.

I think emotionally and logically, we can best achieve that goal under the frame we have already adopted.

And consequently, I support the motion for deletion that is before us.

Previous Question Moved—Roy R. Roudebush

Roy R. Roudebush (North Indiana—NC) moved the previous question on the amendment to delete. It was ordered.

Atkinson Motion to Delete Voted

The vote was taken on the Atkinson motion to delete the amendment presented by *J. Henry Ernst* and it was adopted.

Paragraphs 20-24 Inclusive Adopted

The Committee Report including Paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 was adopted. (DCA, page 912; see Appendix, pages 2952, 3013.)

Matter of Privilege—Lemuel K. Lord

Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE): Bishop Lord, matter of privilege.

It seems to me that this Conference has been rightly, perhaps, led along the way of voluntarism in recognizing that there was an understanding that our main business here has been Union with the E.U.B. Church and that the issue of race is before us only as it relates to that, with an awareness of what we have been doing and must do.

I would like to move that the very eloquent remarks of *Brother Lowery*, if I understand correctly, be set aside somehow in the *Daily Christian Advocate* tomorrow in such a way that our Negro brethren, who are now kneeling at the altar, will know that we care what happens to them and regard this statement as being of the very essence of the Christian faith.

I should like to make this motion.

The motion was adopted.

Committee on Conferences Report Continued—J. Henry Ernst

J. Henry Ernst (Pacific Northwest—W): We come to Paragraphs 25 through 28. There is an addition following Number 5 on Page 12 which is in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of yesterday, on page 749.

Bishop Lord: Where does that addition appear?

Dr. Ernst: Page 12 and then, Paragraph 28, sub-paragraph 5, line 2, by inserting after the words "boundaries,"—That is in the second line—these words: "including such changes and adaptations of the general *Discipline*" to make this Rule read, "To make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries, including such changes and adaptations of the general *Discipline* as the conditions in the respective areas may require subject to the powers that have been and shall be vested in the General Conference."

"In the Central Conference," I think that is meant to be.

Committee on Conferences Proposes Amendment to Paragraph 28—Walther Zeuner

Walther Zeuner (Northwest Germany—OS): I understand I have to underline the amendment which is meant to be inserted: "To appoint a Judicial Court to determine legal questions arising on the rules, regulations and such revised, adapted and new sections of the *Discipline* enacted by the Central Conference," as the General Conference has given to the Central Conferences the right to make Rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries and also to edit and publish a *Central Conference Discipline*.

You will find this on page 107 under the legislation on the Central Conference. This I would like to read, just the sub-paragraph 21 and also 22, refers to this. 21 says:

"A Central Conference shall have authority to edit and publish a *Central Conference Discipline* which shall contain, in addition to the Constitution of the church, such sections from the general *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church as may be pertinent to the entire church; and also such revised, adapted, or new sections as shall have been enacted by the Central Conference concerned, under the powers given by the General Conference" as these powers exist. And a Judicial Court is mentioned in the legislation on page 109 under sub-paragraph 31, last line of 31. There it says an appeal can be made "to the Judicial Court of the Central Conference."

We would like to use this Judicial Court also to decide on legal questions arising on rules, regulations and revised, adapted and new sections of the *Discipline* enacted by the Central Conference.

We move this new paragraph under Paragraph 28 on page 12 as I've just read.

Since the amendment proposed is a change by the Committee itself, no vote was necessary.

Ad Hoc Committee Speaks to Report—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): I know of no group in the Church that has worked harder on this Plan of Union than have the German Annual Conferences, both Methodist and E.U.B. They have a Joint Commission. Every draft of the document that has come off the press has been translated by them into German. The Commissions have worked on it, put it back into English and sent it back to us with their suggestions. I am happy these suggestions come to us. I think they are good ones. I think they should be adopted. I'm glad they have been presented.

Paragraphs 25-28, Inclusive, Adopted As Amended

Paragraphs 25, 26, 27 and 28 as amended were adopted. (DCA, page 913; see Appendix, pages 2952, 3014.)

Motion to Adjourn—Not Adopted—Ray W. Ragsdale

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W): Mr. Chairman, I move we adjourn and retire to our rooms for prayer.

Bishop Lord put the motion to vote but it was not adopted.

Committee on Conferences Report Continued

Section VII, VIII and IX of the Proposed Constitution were presented by D. Trigg James (Holston—NE). A question concerning Section VII and its relationship to the Committee on the Ministry. This section was deferred.

Sections VIII and IX Adopted

The vote was taken on Sections VIII and IX which include Paragraphs 40-45 inclusive. These were adopted. (DCA, page 913; see Appendix, pages 2952, 3018.)

Committee of Chairmen Calls for Report of Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy—Willis M. Tate

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC) called upon William C. Patten, Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy for its report.

William C. Patten (New Mexico—SC): Mr. Chairman, the Committee's Report on Petition A-3, page 757, of the November 8th issue of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, column 1, will be presented by Committeeman Roy J. Grogan.

Roy J. Grogan (Central Texas—SC): Mr. Chairman, and members of the Conference: The petition is not set out in the *Daily Christian*

Advocate but you will find it on page 7 of the Plan of Union. It is Paragraph 4.

This particular section deals with title to properties and provides that, upon the consummation of the Union, title to the properties of the two Churches involved would automatically vest in The United Methodist Church, and that no action would be required of any local church or property owner of the E.U.B. or The Methodist Church, Annual Conference, Jurisdictional Conference or otherwise, that would require them to change titles as they appear in deeds or other legal instruments. It would vest the title in The United Methodist Church and the Committee moves concurrence.

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Comments for Clarification

J. Henry Ernst (Pacific Northwest—W): We have in the Pacific Northwest Conference a number of E.U.B. Churches that, if we do go through with our uniting with them, would then become properties that would go into The United Methodist Church.

However, in the District that I know about best, of the seven churches in that District, only possibly one would come over—or the congregations, only one of which would come into the new United Church.

Now my question is: What about the property of these other churches? They may pull out and become another denomination. They may do a number of things, but we are really concerned about what happens to their property and what our attitude is to be towards them?

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): The E.U.B. Church has a certain number of dissident groups out in the territory of which you speak. We have taken the position that this is an E.U.B. problem, and we have not mixed into it. It is my understanding, however, that they have taken a very stiff position. If they are a connectional church and if a preacher wants to leave his congregation out, it is his privilege to do so; but he leaves the hymnbooks and the choir robes behind. I think that is the attitude our Church has taken. I think we have one or two dissident groups in our fellowship who have done the same thing. We have taken that same attitude. "You can go but you leave the property behind."

I think we have got one or two churches boarded up on this very issue now and waiting for the day when we can send a new preacher back into there to open up again. This is the position of E.U.B.s and we haven't this problem to wrestle with until 1968. Then it will be our problem. At the moment it is theirs.

J. Henry Ernst (Pacific Northwest—W): I want to ask a further question about the method used at the time of uniting with the Methodist Protestant denominations. As I understand, a number of those churches in similar circumstances did not join with us. We made some sort of an arrangement with them, that if they wanted to keep their church, they could. If they wanted to buy it, we sold it to them for a dollar. I was wondering if we were going to negotiate some such agreement as that.

Marshall Hjelte (Oregon—W): The problem *Brother Ernst* speaks about is a problem that we should not consider lightly. I have served in the past in the chairmanship of the Trustees of the Annual Conference of Oregon. We have had two situations involving Methodist Churches, one of which, when after a considerable period of time, they, with the advice of an attorney they had in their home town, transferred the property from their church to themselves as the Trustees of the community church involved, which obviously

from a title standpoint, we felt, and I'm sure that legally we were correct, and we were in a position of saying, "Well, it is our property. You will have to conduct your church services elsewhere." However, bitter feelings did arise and we finally solved it after a considerable amount of negotiation and very much hard feeling was left in that particular community.

Now the problem—the reason why this problem is so severe is that, while I don't know the situation in the Pacific Northwest Conference, I know in Oregon that there was a vote taken by the E.U.B. churches involved within the last year, last six months or so, and they voted something of the percentage in that area of 95 percent to 5 percent opposed to going with this situation; and that they would not yield up their churches, is my understanding. So I'm just saying, pointing this out. I think this is a very serious problem. I certainly think that the matter should be considered very carefully by any conference group.

Paragraph 4 Adopted

Paragraph 4 was put to vote and was adopted. (DCA, page 914; see Appendix, pages 2961, 3009.)

Matter of Privilege—Joyce W. Farr

Joyce W. Farr (California-Nevada—W): I'm sure all of us who have been in this session tonight have been moved by the eloquent expressions which have been brought before this Conference. All of them, I think, sincere attempts at bringing us to some unanimity of feeling concerning the problems which are before us.

I should like to move this resolution as we conclude our session tonight: "As we adjourn this session of the General Conference, may it be in the spirit of supplication, praying that our unity may not be broken over sincere differences as to the method by which we hope to demonstrate our oneness in Christ.

Though our heads may sometimes lead us in divergent directions, may we know our hearts are still straining for the fulfillment of the hope of Christ and that all may be one." I move its adoption.

The motion was seconded and was adopted.

Concluding Statement and Adjournment

Bishop John Wesley Lord: I want to express my thanks for the help I received from the Secretary of the Council of Bishops, Brother Short, and particularly the one who backed me up tonight, Brother Newell Booth of the Harrisburg Area. I'm now going to ask that we stand and Brother Booth will lead us in our closing prayer.

Bishop Newell S. Booth: Let us pray together. Infinite Father, we stand under compulsion, not the compulsion of time, not the compulsion of legislation, but the compulsion of Thy Spirit with ours. We have been in prayer not in one place or another, not in this mountain nor in Jerusalem, but in spirit, and we pray that these prayers may continue. We do ask that compelled by Thy Spirit, informed and infused in prayers, we may move forward to the more perfect realization of Thy will. And now may the Blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with us forevermore. *Amen.*

Bishop Lord: We are adjourned.

THIRD DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1966
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop W. Angie Smith, Presiding

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference was convened for the morning session on the third day, November 10, 1966 at 8:30 a.m. in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma Area, presiding.

Devotions—Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe

Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe: "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and Earth." Let us join in singing the Hymn 20, as we stand:

The Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was sung.

Bishop Stowe: You may be seated. I am going to ask you to join in prayer this morning. They are prayers number 742, "For All Conditions of Men" followed by the prayer 743, "For the Church" and then followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Let us all join in the prayer, "For All Conditions of Men."

"O, God, the creator and preserver of all mankind; we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health to all nations. More especially, we pray for thy holy church universal, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their suffering, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

"O God, our Father, we pray for thy church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, and face to face with new tasks. Baptize her afresh in the life-giving spirit of Jesus! Bestow upon her a great responsiveness to duty, a swifter compassion with suffering, and an utter loyalty to the will of God. Help her to proclaim boldly the coming of the kingdom of God. Put upon her lips the ancient Gospel of her Lord. Fill her with the prophet's scorn of tyranny, and with a Christlike tenderness for the heavy-laden and downtrodden. Bid her cease from seeking her own life, lest she lose it. Make her valiant to give up her life to humanity, that, like her crucified Lord, she may mount by the path of the cross to a higher glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

"Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

The Scripture lesson is found in the Gospel according to St. John, the Sixth Chapter beginning with the Sixty-sixth Verse.

"After this many of His disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve, 'Will you also go away?'"

"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.'"

Bishop Stowe then delivered the devotional message. (See Appendix, page 3137.)

High Privilege for Bishop Smith

Bishop Smith: Thank you so very much, Bishop Stowe, for that inspiring and most helpful sermon.

I would like to have this moment for a special privilege.

I have been attending General Conferences in some capacity now for much more than forty years.

I do not think we have had finer leadership in our Conference singing than we have been having and I think we ought to recognize Dr. Carlton Young, who is the editor of our new *Methodist Hymnal* and has been leading us so wonderfully in our singing. I would like for us to have him stand that we might show Dr. Young our appreciation for the great contribution he is making for us.

Committee on Journal Report—William James

William James (New York—NE): Bishop Smith, members of the Conference, the Committee on Journal has examined the *Journal* record for the morning and afternoon sessions of November 9th.

The record is correct except for minor editorial changes which are being made by the *Journal* secretary. I move the adoption, sir.

The motion was seconded and the report was adopted. (DCA, page 915; see Appendix, page 2933.)

Committee on Agenda Report—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): This report comes in two sections. While I am making the first section, I am asking Mrs. Fields to come to the platform to be ready to read the portion on the second part.

Mrs. Lewis Fields, will you please come to the platform?

The first report is, Bishop Smith, members of the Conference, the agenda for this morning as printed on the front page of the *Advocate*, with this one exception. We would like for the Report on Enabling Legislation to be the first order of business after we have heard the Reports from the Committees on Presiding Officers and Steering Committee and so forth.

That is before you. I move its adoption.

The motion was seconded and the report was adopted. (DCA, page 915; see Appendix, page 2915.)

Dr. Young: Now, Mrs. Fields, the secretary of the Committee, will make the second part of our Report.

Bishop Smith: Mrs. Fields, we are delighted to have you do so. Mrs. Fields.

Mrs. Louis H. Fields (Lexington—C): Bishop and members of the General Conference, the Committee on Agenda met on Wednesday, November 9th, and these are the recommendations.

A request was reviewed from the Methodist Church in Brazil relative to the centennial of the Brazilian Methodist Church in 1967.

The Committee voted to refer this communication to the Council of Bishops for reply.

A letter was received from the moderator of the United Church in Japan. The Committee voted to have the Chairman bring the communication to the attention of this Conference with the request that the Secretary of the General Conference send greetings from this Conference to the United Church of Christ in Japan.

A request from Mr. Chester Smith was received. This communication indicated Mr. Smith's position on the Union with the Evangelical United Brethren and the communication was referred to the proper committee.

The committee reviewed a letter from Vaclav Hunaty, general superintendent for Czechoslovakia.

The chairman was requested to bring this communication to the attention of this Conference and ask that the Secretary of the General Conference send greetings to Mr. Hunaty.

Bishop Smith: It is officially before you. Is there any question or discussion? All in favor, will lift the hand. Is there opposition? It is done. Thank you, Mrs. Fields.

Dr. Young: One more item, Bishop Smith. You will remember last evening by vote of this Conference, the remarks made by *Dr. Lowery* were asked to be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

I have been advised by the *Daily Christian Advocate* that those remarks reached the *Advocate* office too late for it to be done in this issue but an item appearing on the first page was pulled in order that you might see there that they have taken notice of his remarks and they will be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* on Friday.

Matters of Personal Privilege

Carroll Long (Holston—SE): I should like to move, sir, that this Conference send a word of greeting and affection to Mr. Chester A. Smith.

This was voted.

Laurence Dill (North Alabama—SE): Dr. J. Henry Chitwood is a member of the Judicial Council. Before his elevation to the Council a few months ago, he was a member of this General Conference. He sat with us in Pittsburgh. If my recollection is correct, he has been a member of every General Conference since 1944.

He is in the last stage of a terminal illness. He would not be aware of it but I would like to move that we ask the Secretary to send to his wife and family a message of our interest and love.

This was voted.

Greetings from Bishop Herbert Welch

Bishop Smith: I know that you would want me to take this opportunity to read this very lovely and wonderful telegram.

"Many, many thanks for the messages by mail and wire from my dear colleagues of the Council of Bishops. May you be guided to lead to the solution of the critical problems before us. Blessings on you, one and all. Herbert Welch"

Matter of Personal Privilege

Wesley Hager (Missouri East—SC): To my knowledge, this is the first Conference Ivan Lee Holt has not attended in many, many years. I'd like to move that we send greetings to him.

This was ordered.

The Floor: Bishop: Dr. Marion Mobley of Florence, South Carolina, has been a member of this General Conference since the Uniting Conference, and was a member of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for several Conferences. He is prevented from being here because of an injury sustained in an automobile accident.

I should like to move that the Conference send greetings to Dr. Mobley.

This was ordered.

Report of Committee on Credentials—Paul M. Hann

Paul M. Hann (South Iowa—NC): Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference: The Committee on Credentials has met and approved the changes made in the seating of the delegates reported by the Chairmen of the Annual Conference Delegations Wednesday, November 9th.

The delegates' names will appear in the proper form in the *Journal*. I move the adoption of this report.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 917; see Appendix, page 2925.)

Matter of Privilege—Arthur Fleming

Arthur Fleming (Oregon—W): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to have the privilege of offering a motion dealing with the perfecting of the documents that are now before the Conference; and if the motion receives a second, I would like to speak to it.

Mr. Chairman, I move that we as delegates request the Ad Hoc Committee of this Conference to prepare language for insertion either in the Constitution or Enabling Legislation, which will incorporate the substance of the action taken by the Conference in passing on the Report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, including a specific reference to the target date of 1972.

Bishop Smith: It is seconded.

Dr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I have listened to the debate which has taken place on this issue, particularly in reference to our Annual Conferences, with a growing feeling of concern.

Yesterday morning, as the Report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations was presented to us, I supported the proposed amendment to the Majority Report which was offered by *Dr. Lowery*.

I believe in the voluntary approach in dealing with issues of this kind. It has been my observation, however, that both inside and outside of government, the time comes when those who are in a position of responsibility must make very clear their views on specific issues.

I felt that the amendment offered by *Dr. Lowery* would make clear to our Church, to the nation and to the world, the position that we were taking on this issue.

After listening to the debate, I became convinced that all of the resources of the church would be focused on achieving the target date of 1972.

I noted with great satisfaction that the Majority Report was accepted by an overwhelming majority of the members of this Conference.

Now, the fact that in accepting this Report, we accepted a target date of 1972, automatically makes this issue a matter of concern for the United Church, assuming that the United Church comes into being in the year 1968.

Therefore, it seems to me that this General Conference as a minimum, should be willing to incorporate in the Constitution or in the Enabling Legislation, the conviction relative to the target date of 1972, which was expressed by an overwhelming majority of the delegates.

I feel that it is very difficult to attempt to amend documents of this kind from the floor.

This is why I am suggesting that we ask the Ad Hoc Committee to present to us language which will reflect the convictions of this Conference relative to the target date of 1972, as far as the Annual Conferences are concerned.

It would be my hope that the Ad Hoc Committee would report back language to us which we can consider, not later than the opening of the afternoon session.

I hope, Mr. Chairman, that the delegates will be willing to refer the matter to the Ad Hoc Committee in the manner suggested by my motion.

The proposal was referred to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Ad Hoc Committee Report—Enabling Legislation—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): The *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 753. It's called the "Plan of Union Enabling Legislation."

I move the adoption of this Enabling Legislation set forth on page 753 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* with the understanding that when adopted by the procedures therein prescribed, it be considered as Constitutional, and that the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church print directly after the Constitution, either the text of the Enabling Legislation or a cross reference showing where in the *Daily Christian Advocate* or in the—and in the General Conference *Journal*, the text of the Enabling Legislation may be found.

If there is a second, I will carry on.

Bishop Smith: Is there a second?

Motion seconded.

It's seconded, Mr. Parlin.

Mr. Parlin: As to procedure, you will note that the Plan calls for a single count vote on the Constitution and the Enabling Legislation as a unit.

Just running through the Plan, page 753, the first column, Paragraph 1 is merely a definition. Paragraph 2 provides for the procedures of adoption by the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Their procedure is different from ours only to the extent that their Constitution requires a three-quarters vote, whereas ours requires only a two-thirds. Paragraph 3 provides that the procedure for acting upon the Plan by our Methodist Church, namely that the Enabling Legislation and the Constitution as a unit, shall be subjected to the Constitutional required two-thirds vote.

And then, it provides that unless—and then it goes to the Annual

Conferences for their vote, which would be two-thirds majority in the aggregate—"unless the Judicial Council shall rule that a three-quarters majority is required."

That clause you find appears about two-thirds down the way in that Paragraph 3.

It is my proposal that when we have cleared this, we would move that this question be referred to the Judicial Council so that before we leave Chicago we will know their judgment as to whether in the Annual Conferences we require a two-thirds or a three-quarters vote.

In the second column, Paragraph 4 provides for the procedures following Chicago. The E.U.B.s will send theirs out to their Annual Conferences, and the Methodists will send it out to their Annual Conferences for action in 1967.

The thing that goes to the Annual Conferences in both churches is only the Constitution and the Enabling Legislation.

And, Annual Conferences of both churches will be asked for a "yes" or "no" vote on this unit package, the Constitution and the Enabling Legislation.

Then Paragraph B, the Evangelical United Brethren, will have to call a special session of their General Conference to meet in 1968, at the time and place of The Methodist General Conference.

Now scheduled, our General Conference is scheduled for April, 1968 in Dallas, Texas.

If the plan succeeds, this would be a uniting conference.

Paragraph 5 provides procedures. The two General Conferences meeting in Dallas, Texas will meet separately. But then we will unite, and if necessary, from time to time, they can separate again for necessary business as separate units. This is provided in Paragraph 6.

Paragraph 7 provides the date on which the Plan of Union shall become effective; and that is upon the announcement to the Uniting Conference by the bishops of the respective churches that their churches have taken the necessary votes.

Third column, Paragraph 8, provides the plan for the unification of administrative agencies, provided that they shall be unified and start functioning as soon as possible.

But, they can retain separate units where and as long as this is absolutely necessary.

It provides that there shall be an equitable distribution of administrative posts.

It provides that no person now employed by one of our agencies shall be expected, because of Union, to serve at less compensation than he was receiving at the time of Union.

It provides that if the unification of agencies forces us to request a change of residence, the agency responsible will be expected to make some reasonable provision for the costs involved.

Paragraph 9 states the objective toward which the new church moves is an inclusive church with no overlapping of Annual Conference boundaries.

It then recites the Plan: Step 1, Step 2, Step 3, Paragraph C on Page 754, first column, provides, again, this period of twelve years where E.U.B. and other Annual Conferences cannot have their names or boundaries changed without their consent.

If you will drop down to the last paragraph, three lines, you will see that nothing herein contained shall be construed as preventing the elimination of Annual Conferences based on race.

This twelve-year rule has nothing to do with the program that we are working on for the elimination of overlapping Annual Conferences based on race.

"D" specifically provides the machinery by which the Church is moving.

And here, it seems perfectly clear to me, is the place for incorporation of the material covered by Dr. Fleming's motion.

"D" is a recital of the fact of our Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, their mandate, and what they are doing.

It seems to me here we would provide additional information as to the action taken at this General Conference, which would simply update this material already in.

And, if I may be so bold to interject here, I would like to ask Mr. Leonard Slutz if he would be thinking about what language could be incorporated at this point to update the material and meet Dr. Fleming's motion which we have just adopted.

The bottom paragraph of that first column, paragraph 10, provides the procedures of the Uniting Conference.

The Uniting Conference, by a majority vote, unless otherwise specified, can do various things; a, b, c, d, e, etc.

"B" is the very important one. This provides that any part of The Part Four Organization and Administration which will have been adopted only in principle by the two houses can be amended by merely a majority vote, except that we have taken Rule 13 out of the Methodist Rules of Order and provided machinery for a vote by orders.

If either the E.U.B.s or the Methodists feel that for their protection they should have a chance to act on a specific amendment to the procedural part of the legislative part, they can call for a vote by orders; and if carried by a sufficient number, then the Methodist delegates would vote separately, E.U.B. delegates would vote separately, and the motion for amendment or change would carry only if it carried a majority of both houses.

As I have said, I think earlier in this session, this rule for vote by orders has been in our Methodist rule book ever since our Church began and in the history of the Church has been used only once—that was 1944 at the General Conference.

Paragraph "C" merely provides that the Uniting Conference will have the right to approve the use of the name of the Church outside of the United States and the translation of the name of the Church into languages other than English.

This is the power given in the Constitution.

"D" is a technical thing, but we thought should be. The Uniting Conference cannot initiate Constitutional amendments, but, we wanted to get procedure for machinery in case we wanted to start it.

Now the amendments in the Methodist Constitution and as adopted in our proposed Constitution specifically provide that, as they always have in The Methodist Church, constitutional amendments can originate either in the General Conference or in the Annual Conferences.

I think without exception we have always used the alternative of originating in the General Conference and then going to Annual Conferences.

"D" says that the Uniting Conference of '68 shall have the power to recommend proposals for constitutional amendments to the Annual Conferences, and then it goes to the Annual Conferences immediately and if you get a two-thirds vote at the Annual Conferences, the Church can then judge whether it is important enough to call a special session during the quadrennium '68-'72 or wait until '72 when the action of the General Conference would be the second action and put into operation a Constitutional amendment.

"E" provides for the election of members to General Conference agencies where the plan provides that so many members come from the E.U.B. and so many come from the Methodist, each denomination makes its nominations in accordance with the machinery of its own making.

"F" provides two items: One, that the Uniting Conference can establish a fiscal year. And the Council on World Service and Finance has been wrestling with this problem and may have some recommendations on that to the United Church.

And, "B" gives us the right to designate the date which is to be used as the date of the founding.

I think it would be unanimous that this would be our Christmas Conference because it is customary to take the earliest founding date in case of unions and this date is the earliest in our combined proof.

"G" is a matter that had been subject of much discussion, and that is the method of assigning the bishops.

Perhaps to see the problem, if you will turn with me to page 756, the column one at the bottom of the page.

Here you will see that coming to the Uniting Conference of '68, we will have for assignment twenty-nine bishops. They will have been elected by the regional Jurisdictions and are already assigned and in their jurisdictions.

There will come to the Uniting Conference five, under the proposal—five bishops originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction, two of whom have already been transferred and have been assigned to their Jurisdictions—Bishop Prince Taylor to Northeastern and Bishop James Thomas to North Central.

There would be available for assignment seven bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren. The proposal is that two be assigned to Northeastern, two to North Central, one to Southeastern, one to South Central, and one to Western.

This means that effective bishops available for assignments within the Jurisdictions total forty-one.

The way the arithmetic—

Then there are, too, several other proposals. Now if you will go back with me again to page 754. This provides that—754—the Uniting—just about the middle of the page—after the number is assigned—

Let me read, If before the United Conference of 1968—this is the third column of page 754, about in the middle of the page.

To make it easy, let me read that full paragraph which begins there, the first beginning paragraph in that column.

"This contemplates that there will come to the Union twenty-nine (29) active bishops originally elected by the regional Jurisdictions, five (5) active bishops originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction and seven (7) active bishops originally elected by The Evangelical United Brethren a total of forty-one. If before the Uniting Conference of 1968 there shall be a vacancy in the Board of Bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be entitled in accordance with its procedures to elect to fill the vacancy. If before the Uniting Conference of 1968 there shall be one or more vacancies in The College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, upon the Plan of Union being adopted by the requisite vote in the Annual Conferences of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church, the Central Jurisdiction shall be entitled at a special session to elect to fill the vacancy or vacancies."

There has been a death in the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction, Bishop Harris, so, there are only two bishops.

I understand they have called one of their bishops from retirement and he is now filling that place.

The same thing has happened in the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The law of the Church apparently provides that if a bishop dies in the first half of the quadrennium, as a matter of right the Jurisdiction can call a special session if they wish to fill the vacancy. This does not apply, apparently, to the second half of the quadrennium;

and Bishop Harris died in the second half of the quadrennium.

So, that the right of the Central Jurisdiction to elect a third bishop would have to be by special legislation of some kind.

Our proposal is that when we know for sure that this Plan of Union is going through, then the Central Jurisdiction, as a matter of fairness, should be able to contribute to the Council of Bishops their full quota and, therefore, this provision.

Then the provision, as you noticed, is that the three bishops would then be assigned: one to Southeastern, one to South Central, and one to Western, so that every Jurisdiction would have an integrated College of Bishops.

Page 755, in the first column. Paragraph "H" provides that the Uniting Conference shall have the power "to appoint special study commissions or ad hoc committees for the purpose of studying and making recommendations concerning creedal statements, statements of social principles, the structure of and duties of boards and agencies, or any other matters."

This is not mandatory, but the Uniting Conference shall have the right to appoint these commissions.

Paragraph one.

Let me go back again to bishops. I think there is one more important point to which attention should be called.

There is no provision for escalating the quota of bishops in a Jurisdiction because of the transfer and the coming in of the E.U.B. bishops.

There is a provision for the escalating of the number of bishops to which a Jurisdiction is entitled to have because of the transfer of a bishop coming from the Central Jurisdiction, and it is proposed that this temporary escalation be effective until 1972. It is felt that this gives every Jurisdiction ample provision.

Actually, according to the arithmetic, five of the seven E.U.B. bishops have only one quadrennium to serve and then retire. And of the three—of the two bishops now elected and available for assignment at the Uniting Conference of '68, one has only one term to serve, so that there are six retirements within this group as it now stands.

The way the arithmetic works out on this plan as presented to you now, under the present arithmetic, making no reference to augmentation of membership either by normal increase of numbers or by transfer of churches and membership of the E.U.B.s, every one of the five Jurisdictions, come the Jurisdictional Conference of 1968, will have the right to elect at least one new bishop.

Questions for Clarification—W. Davis Cotton

W. Davis Cotton (Louisiana—SC): I direct a question to Mr. Parlin with particular reference to page 753, the first column, the second paragraph of sub-paragraph three, where, as I understand the language, there is implied doubt as to whether or not the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church require a two-thirds or a three-fourths vote.

But my question in this connection is that doubt based upon the premise that the Confession of Faith may be in conflict with some provision of the Methodist Articles of Religion?

Mr. Parlin: That is the basis on which this clause is put in there.

Mr. Cotton: My second question is if that doubt exists with reference to the vote of the Annual Conferences, does not the same doubt exist when we vote on the Plan of Union as General Conference delegates?

Mr. Parlin: No, it does not. If you will read the Provisions for Amendments, the alternate two-thirds or three-quarters vote applies

only to the vote in the Annual Conferences. The vote in the General Conference is two-thirds, in any event.

Question for Clarification—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): Turn, please, to page 754, "Step Three, 10 (B) To amend or alter any part of 'Part IV Organization and Administration' of the *Discipline*, which had been adopted in principle by the 1966 General Conference." Just to get this before us for a minute or two, I want to move a period there, leaving out "provided." And I will say a word—and I may withdraw it—but I don't know how to get this before us for our consideration otherwise.

If I get a second, may I say a word?

Bishop Smith: Is there a second to the amendment? It is seconded.

Mr. Cannon: What I want, Mr. Parlin, is this to be transmitted to the Liaison Committee? I have no disposition to obstruct in any way the progress being made in effecting this Union, but I think the same situation will prevail with the other denomination that prevails here; namely that we will not have had sufficient time to consider this *Discipline* the way it ought to be considered by such a deliberative body.

Now I realize that what we won't consider, as a body, of the *Discipline* will go again to the Ad Hoc Committee and that Committee will bring back a *Discipline*, having considered recommendations and points that the two churches may submit to that Committee.

But in my humble judgment, this Committee won't serve in that regard the same function as the Legislative Committees of a General Conference function in deliberative sessions; and there are serious defects in this *Discipline*.

All of us are grateful for what the Ad Hoc Committee has done and stand in admiration and respect for that Committee and its wonderful work, it will illustrate the fact that no Committee that small, even though seeking the advice of others throughout the Church, can bring a document that is perfected, and it must be perfected by the Legislative Committees of a General Conference.

Now I am afraid if we pass this, then, that *Discipline* comes back in '68 and we can't change it if one of the bodies disagrees seriously. That will freeze it for at least four years.

Now one point of illustration is that of Orders in the Church. If, for example, the Ad Hoc Committee should bring back the idea of just one Order, then we would have to accept that if, in the vote, one of the denominations involved sustained that point of view.

So, I made this amendment merely to get it to this Liaison Committee with these points before it—to see what the other denomination has done in regard to the consideration of Part IV, because it is obvious that we have not had the time nor will we have the time, seriously, in committee to deliberate each point in light of this Part IV which is the *Discipline* of the Church; and always that part of the *Discipline*, that part unaffected by restrictive rules can be changed by General Conference merely on a majority vote.

And I don't think this is so serious as to delay it for at least four years beyond the General Conference on Union.

Now I say this. I don't want in any way to obstruct. If you think there is some serious misgiving on the part of the Committee for offering this, I am glad to hear your response to it; but I would like to get it before this Liaison Committee.

Bishop Smith: Mr. Parlin, that was an amendment and also a question, so with the permission of the house, do you have an answer to that from the Committee? Then anyone else can speak on it.

Mr. Parlin: Yes.

Bishop Smith: If they want to do so.

Mr. Parlin: The reason for putting in this vote by denominations is, taking a leaf from the Methodist *Discipline*, was that this Uniting Conference will be a very unbalanced one because we will bring to it about eight hundred and sixty delegates; and they will bring four hundred and twenty-five, roughly, or it will be about a two to one Conference; whereas, in fact, we are a denomination of fourteen to one.

Now most of these amendments will come through by unanimous vote. They are Methodists in everything but name. And I don't anticipate any serious problems, but both sides, both the Methodists and the E.U.B.s felt that they should be protected by this right to call for a vote by denominations.

We are so completely out of balance there that many Methodists felt we should have this right and, conversely, the E.U.B.s.

So I hope it will stand as is and that the motion for amendment will not prevail.

Incidentally, the E.U.B.s reviewed this Enabling Legislation yesterday and adopted it without any amendment whatever.

If we do amend, of course it has to go back through our clearing committee and come back to the floor here.

Now if you will turn with me to page 752 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*,—

Bishop Smith: Does this have to do with this?

Mr. Parlin: Yes, this is right on this matter.

The third column at the bottom of the page. This is contained in Plan of Union, Supplementary Report Number 2.

Our Joint Commission realizes that there is this extremely difficult point on the matter of Orders. We wanted to keep the matter wide open and get the best thought we could on it. I don't think the Ad Hoc Committee, either the E.U.B.s or Methodists, want to take any dogmatic position on it.

In our original report you remember we put the text in both ways:

The one Order, which followed the report of the Methodist Commission on the Ministry which came to the '64 General Conference; but, on the other hand, we realize there were strong pressures for the two Orders, so we did all the drafting and put them there. And in order to make this clear, we have amended by adding an additional footnote of explanation and recommendation which reads: "Important studies on the ministry are under way by the World Council of Churches, the Consultation on Church Union, The Methodist Church and other bodies, indicating the need for rethinking the problem of ministerial Orders."

The study by the Joint Commission led it to an awareness of the openness of the problem and, therefore, drafted two sections on the deacons.

"The Joint Commission recommends that the Evangelical United Brethren Church appoint a commission equal in number to the present Methodist Committee on the Ministry and that these two committees acting jointly, bring to the Uniting Conference of 1968, their recommendation with respect to the matter of the number and definition of Orders and the status of local preachers."

I would hope that this would make it clear that this study is not only recognized but encouraged and asked for.

Mr. Cannon: I am going to withdraw it.

Bishop Smith: Thank you, sir. *Dr. Cannon* wishes to withdraw. The one who seconded, are you agreeable?

No Response.

Bishop Smith: It is withdrawn.

Motion to Amend—Thomas L. Cromwell

Thomas L. Cromwell (North-East Ohio—NC): I have three quick questions to Mr. Parlin and then, depending on the answers, I may have a motion, if that is in order.

Bishop Smith: You ask the questions, then we will determine.

Mr. Cromwell: It is regarding "G"—at section G at the bottom or the middle of page 754, in the *Daily Advocate*, continues over onto the third column, this whole question of the assignment of bishops. My three questions are, One: Was this new method of assigning the Central Jurisdiction bishop discussed with the Advisory Council of the Central Jurisdiction?

Mr. Parlin: No.

Mr. Cromwell: Second, was it discussed with the second committee of episcopacy of the Central Jurisdiction?

Mr. Parlin: No.

Mr. Cromwell: Was it discussed with the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction?

Mr. Parlin: No.

Bishop Smith: If you want to make a motion, you can do so now, since you didn't make a speech, you only asked questions.

Mr. Cromwell: Thank you, sir. I have a motion, and here is a copy of it.

I would move at the top of page 754, Column 3, in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, under Number B, I would move to substitute for what is there as B, this:

"The bishops originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction shall be assigned as follows:

"The two bishops assigned by the Central Jurisdiction to the Areas within the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall be assigned to the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

"The bishop assigned by the Central Jurisdiction to the Area within the South Central Jurisdiction shall be assigned to the South Central Jurisdiction."

Then, following, you'd have to delete, following down under "C," the line that says,—begins—

"The bishops originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction shall be assigned as recommended by The Methodist Council of Bishops."

This would have to be deleted.

If there is a second, I'd like to speak.

Bishop Smith: Is there a second? It is seconded.

Mr. Cromwell: We have been told over and over again by Mr. Parlin and Mr. Slutz and Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Satterfield that we have a plan by which the Central Jurisdiction will be eliminated and that voluntarism is the way.

We have been told that Amendment IX and the Plan of Action that was adopted at Pittsburgh is the way.

And I think if you will read Amendment IX and the Plan of Action of Pittsburgh, you will find that the assignment of bishops is following the pattern that I have outlined rather than what is outlined here.

I think, also, that this is the way we have acted so far.

The bishop of the Lexington Conference, which was the larger part of that Area, came into the North Central.

The bishop of the two Areas on the East Coast, the larger part, went into the Northeastern.

Therefore, it seems to me it is as logical as well as being—and I would underscore—the law of the Church, that this is the pattern that we would follow.

Instead, now, though, we are being told or asked—the law of the Church notwithstanding—we just simply follow a new procedure.

Also, I think I would remind you that the questions I raised—we have been talking over and over these days that if this problem is to be solved, it will be solved because we worked together and talked the thing over and find some adjustments and understanding and yet, on this question of the assignment of bishops of the Central Jurisdiction, there has, by Mr. Parlin's admission, been no consultation with those agencies that are responsible.

It may be that they like this plan that is in our—the new Plan. I don't know. But my only question is, this is not what was approved and I would also remind you that Mr. Satterfield shows that the Southeastern Jurisdiction by the resolution they passed which he was seeming unhappy about, that the Central Jurisdiction did not pass, states clearly that this is what is to happen, that they are to take two bishops into their Jurisdiction.

I refer to Appendix C in the Interjurisdictional Report, the resolution that was approved by the Southeastern Conferences.

I think now we are in the interesting position of running contrary to what the Southeastern Jurisdiction has asked and also contrary to what Pittsburgh has said and what the Amendment IX of part of the Constitution has said.

Ad Hoc Committee's Reply—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Just an explanation to make sure we understand what the situation is.

Satterfield's report was written before the death of Bishop Harris.

If the law of the Church functions, under its present procedures and the Annual Conferences in the Central Jurisdiction transfer to the Jurisdictions and carry with them their bishop, according to the provisions of Article IX, only one bishop would go to Southeastern because there is only one active bishop.

—A retired bishop is now serving in Bishop Harris' place—and one bishop would go to South Central.

So our plan makes no change in that.

It provides that if these transfers have not taken place by '68, then they are transferred by operation of law.

This is a mandatory transfer of the Annual Conferences in '68, according to this Plan.

Step one is provided for constitutionally in this Plan of Union.

Now, this is an additional grant of privilege not taking away from, but a grant to the Central Jurisdiction.

If this takes place in '68, then we say, Central Jurisdiction shall then have the very special privilege of electing a new bishop for the purpose of filling its quota when the transfers come.

And then, we felt that this special privilege changes the rule of distribution and that we'd like to carry out the uniform pattern which we have had in the E.U.B.s that every one of the Jurisdictions take at least one man and many people from Western have been quite anxious, I might say, to have a Central Jurisdiction bishop that they might be part of the plan of integration and let their College of Bishops also be integrated.

Hence, this is the plan.

I hope I have made it clear, the distinction between what would happen, the present law as it exists, and what our Plan provided.

Bishop Smith: Is there someone who wishes to speak against the amendment?

Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (Western North Carolina—SE): Mr. Parlin, to further clarify our thinking at this point, did I understand you to imply that in order to have its privilege to elect a bishop, that the Central Jurisdiction will have had to take favorable action on Union, that is Conference-wise?

Mr. Parlin: No, The Methodist Church must take favorable action. Both The Methodist Church and the E.U.B.s have taken favorable action, so that they would know that this Plan is going into effect.

Speaks Against Amendment—Raoul Calkins

Raoul Calkins (Ohio—NC): In the last three General Conferences, we have been concerned one way or the other with the difficulties that we have of placing bishops in their right locations, because of the difficulties of any transfer from one Jurisdiction to another.

I believe that we should follow the recommendation that is presented in our document rather than the amendment, because it would enable us more adequately to have the right men from both the E.U.B. and the Central Jurisdiction assigned to the areas where they could best serve.

Amendment Lost

The Cromwell amendment was put to vote and was lost. (DCA, page 922.)

Questions for Clarification

Clarence L. Fossett (Baltimore—NE): My question has to do with whether or not we will insure that the E.U.B.s will be represented in the Council of Bishops after the Union takes place.

You have stated that five of the seven men coming in will retire in a quadrennium and the same thing has to do with the Central Jurisdiction.

Will we take any action to see that these people are represented in the future?

Mr. Parlin: No, the E.U.B.s recognize that there are seven bishops that will come into the Union in 1968; they recognize that five of those will serve only one quadrennium and then retire, and they have asked for no special provision asking for recognition after that period.

Leon W. Bouton (Wyoming—NE): Page 754, First column, Step Three, letter "B."

We know what we mean by "in principle"—we think we know what we mean by "in principle," but I would like to have in the *Journal* a definition of what "in principle" means.

Bishop Smith: I think that it is there about three times already, but I will try to state it once more.

"In principle" recognizes that this disciplinary part, Part 4 will not come into effect until after the Uniting Conference of 1968, and that prior to that time two things will have taken place: First, by mandate of the two General Conferences, intensive study will continue on this and recommendations will be brought. Secondly, the Uniting Conference will have had its power to amend, alter, and change in every way. All of these things will take effect before the Part 4 Organization and Administration comes into effect.

In other words, this is not effective as most legislation. If it is real legislation and adopted it becomes effective immediately. This does not become effective until after the Uniting Conference. And after all of this, work and study and voting by Conferences will continue, prior to that time.

Enabling Legislation Adopted

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Mr. Chairman, could I make a suggestion? Time is running out, and everything that is changed has to be cleared through this Liaison Committee and brought back to the floor.

I think that it would be extremely helpful if we could adopt, subject to the right of the Committee to bring back this afternoon, merely an addendum to Paragraph (D) updating this reference.

I would like to hope that we would do that. Will the house accept that? (Yes.)

Bishop Smith: Then you are ready to vote? Do you care to make a final statement?

Mr. Parlin: No, I think that this program has been unanimously adopted by the E.U.B.s. We can probably have it drafted and clear with their Committee at noon today.

Brother Slutz has been able to do some drafting for us, an addendum to Paragraph (D), and then we would be clear in the Enabling Legislation.

Bishop Smith: If you favor the Enabling Legislation, you will lift the hand. Down, and now if you will oppose it, you will lift the hand. It is carried. (DCA, page 923; see Appendix, page 3050.)

Motion to Refer to Judicial Council

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): I move that we refer to the Judicial Council the question of whether when this Plan of Union goes to the Annual Conferences it will require a two-thirds or a three-quarters vote.

Bishop Smith: Is there a second? Any questions? All in favor say "aye." It is referred. (DCA, page 923.)

Report of Committee on Presiding Officers—Dennis Fletcher

Dennis Fletcher (Delaware—NE): Mr. Chairman, we all know the Bishop who started off presiding so I will announce who they are for the day. This was quite unusual this morning.

May I say that the Bishop presiding this morning was Bishop W. Angie Smith? The presiding Bishop for the entire afternoon is N. W. Moore, Jr. The presiding Bishop for the entire evening is Bishop Gerald Kennedy. (DCA, page 923; see Appendix, page 2935.)

Special Presentation

Bishop Smith: I am going to ask if *Chaplain Robert McComus* of the New England Conference, and *Chaplain Robert Deal* of the Oregon Conference and *Chaplain A. David Seeland* of the Southern New Jersey Conference, who have just come back from Viet Nam are here, we would like to present them, if they would come to the front.

Order of the Day—Presentation of Commission on Entertainment and Program

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC) Chairman: Now, Mr. Chairman, this Entertainment Commission, named by the 1964 General Conference, has had as heavy a responsibility as any Commission on Entertainment and Program. They have been called upon, not only to plan for this Session of the General Conference, but for the General Conference of 1968, and the possibility of a Uniting Conference at that same date.

May I present at this time the members of the Commission? I shall

ask them to come to the front to introduce them, and please withhold your appreciation until all have been introduced:

Dr. L. Scott Allen, Georgia Conference; *Thurman L. Dodson*, Washington Conference; *Henry Loeppert*, Rock River Conference; *Frank E. Baker*, Philadelphia Conference and former chairman of this group; *William Alderson*, New York Conference, also a former chairman of this group; and *Carl C. Hall*, Little Rock Conference who was called home due to serious illness in his family; *Irving Smith*, Oklahoma Conference; *Robert C. Holmes*, Florida Conference; *A. G. Jefferson*, Virginia Conference; *Norman L. Conard*, Oregon Conference; and *Marion R. Walker*, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

Dr. Conard is vice-chairman in charge of all of these facilities. *Dr. Scott Allen* is chairman of the Program Committee.

Then, there are two ex-officio members, *Dr. Don Cooke*, Florida Conference, and *Dr. J. Wesley Hole*, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I shall ask the members of the Committee on Local Arrangements to come to the platform please.

I now recognize Mr. Clay Steele, who is the chairman of this Local Committee, who will present his Committee.

Clay E. Steele (Rock River—NC): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference, I should like to present our Committee to you.

General Chairman is *Bishop Thomas M. Pryor*, who has not been with us long, but he has already obtained our respect and our esteem.

Now, in order that I may not be misunderstood, perhaps I will explain to you that I am not a preacher, and I am not seeking a desirable appointment.

Our vice-chairman of this Committee is *Charles Jarvis*, one of our district superintendents. We have a couple of vice-presidents, *Harry Gibson, Jr.*, and *Dow Kirkpatrick*. *Harry Gibson* came to us from the Lexington Conference and he is now one of the superintendents in an almost exclusively white neighborhood.

Gilbert Weisshaar, who is also one of our district superintendents. Our treasurer is *Paul Bloomquist*, who handles our money, if and when we have any.

Paul is a part of our General Conference staff and is also manager of our Wesley Foundation.

Our divisional chairman is *Walter L. Lennartson*, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, who is unable to be with us today.

The vice-chairman is *Mrs. Paul Copeland*, who is former president of the W.S.C.S.

The facilities and equipment chairman is *Arthur L. Myers*, formerly conference lay leader. Vice-chairman *Paul Ayers*, one of our ministers in the Chicago Area.

Chairman of our fellowship and one of our busiest men is *William J. Laskey*, who is conference lay leader and his vice-chairman is *Mrs. Clifford Cummings*, who is also a former president of the W.S.C.S.

The Special Women's Committee is headed by *Mrs. Thomas M. Pryor*; she likewise hasn't been here very long, but because of her charming personality, she has already endeared herself to us.

Our vice-chairman is *Mrs. Ralph Hetherlin*, who is the present president of the W.S.C.S.

Chairman of our Finance Committee is *Robert A. Mulligan*—and I don't believe that he is here, he is probably conducting a wedding or something.

He is a former district superintendent, and also at the present time serving as pastor of one of our large Chicago churches. His vice-chairman is *William Ross Schuele*, one of our active laymen.

The Program and Music Committee chairman is *Robert B. Pierce*,

minister of our Methodist Temple here in Chicago, where he took part in the Communion Service on Monday evening.

The man in charge of ushers and pages and who starts work at six in the morning and ends about midnight is Timothy Reeves. He has done a marvelous job. He is a member of the staff of the Methodist Headquarters and handling pensions for our ministers.

We are unusually fortunate to have one of the members of our committee who also handles conventions in this Hilton Hotel, Bruce Phillips. He is also a Methodist and a member of our committee.

Mr. Chairman I am proud of these folks, and it is a privilege to me, and a pleasure to introduce them to you and to the members of this Conference.

Bishop Smith: Mr. Steele, I am sure that this loud applause is expressive of our very deep appreciation for every courtesy and kindness—and for everything that has been done for our convenience.

Recess

A fifteen minute recess was taken.

Conference Reconvened

The Conference was called to order and sang "How Great Thou Art."

Introductions

Bishop Smith presented the organist for the Conference, Mr. Don Ryno, associate organist of the Chicago Temple.

Bishop Smith: As a matter of privilege, I am going to ask that a very dear friend of mine stand here just a moment, not to have any speeches, but this is Dr. C. Y. Stone, President of Soochow University in Taipeh, Taiwan.

He is in this country at this time and is a Ph.D. from a great American university. We are delighted, Doctor Stone, to have you here in our midst.

Report of Committee on Ministry—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): Mr. Chairman, members of the General Conference: This is the report of the Legislative Committee on the Ministry. We are using, in making this report, the large book, the Plan of Union report to the General Conferences of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The first—first turn, please, to page 10, Paragraph 15, which is the second article on the Section III, Division Two—Organization. That is the restrictive rule taken from the present Constitution unchanged. We move for the adoption of that as printed.

Voices: "I second it."

Bishop Smith: As it comes from the Committee officially signed, that places it before you without the necessity for a new motion. Is there any discussion?

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 925; see Appendix, pages 2979, 3011.)

Mr. Cannon: Page 12, please. At the bottom of the page, Section VI, Episcopal Administration in Central Conferences, Division Two—Organization, Paragraphs 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Articles I through

V, taken from the former, the present Constitution unchanged. We move the adoption.

Bishop Smith: If you favor it, you will lift the hand. Down. Is there any opposition? It is done. (DCA, page 925; see Appendix, pages 2979, 3015.)

Mr. Cannon: Page 15, beginning on page 15 and continuing through page 17, look first at page 15, Division Three—Episcopal Supervision, Paragraph 48, Article I, unchanged; 49, Article II, unchanged; 50, Article III, unchanged; 51, Article IV, unchanged; 52, Article V, unchanged. If you will, we recommend the adoption of this.

Amendment Proposed—Robert E. Cushman

Robert E. Cushman (North Carolina—SE): Mr. Chairman, I would like to make an amendment which will constitute an addition to Paragraph 50, Article III, under Episcopal Supervision. Add to that Article as follows: "The Council of Bishops shall, by a two-thirds vote, elect from among its members a presiding bishop for the quadrennium next succeeding a General Conference. The presiding bishop shall serve as convener and coordinator of the work of the Council.

"He shall travel throughout the connection and represent the Church at large. During the quadrennium of his presidency, he shall be relieved of customary Area presidential and residential responsibilities. The service of the presiding bishop shall be for one quadrennium and he may not succeed himself in office.

"The place of his residency shall be determined by the Council of Bishops."

If I may have a second?

Bishop Smith: Is there a second?

It was seconded.

Dr. Cushman: Mr. Chairman, this amendment which I propose, Paragraph 50, Article III, is offered with the highest esteem for the prolonged and diligent and the judicious work of the Joint Commission trusted with the Plan of Union.

At the same time, it is offered on the premise that not everything may have been thought of or considered which would contribute to the renewal of the reformation of the Uniting Churches.

The proposal picks up a provisional suggestion of the Episcopal Address of the General Conference of 1964, takes it seriously and proposes it now as a wholesome means to larger effectiveness and Christian service on the part of the proposed United Church.

In particular, the reasons for this proposal are these:

This is properly a constitutional provision and we are perfecting a Constitution to be in force for years to come.

Secondly, pluralization of instrumentalities, boards, agencies, offices, functions, programs, program-making, multiply without end in our Church. So that the main thread of its purpose, its spiritual goals and its leadership become blurred and often invisible. This is not just to the world without but to the membership of the Church itself.

Three, the episcopal leadership of the Church in my judgment, requires emancipation. The episcopal leadership of the Church needs to be empowered. The episcopal leadership of the Church needs to become visible. The episcopal leadership of the Church needs to be felt in the Church.

Four, but the episcopal leadership of the Church is currently absorbed in more or less autonomous Area responsibilities and programs.

Bishops no longer officially travel throughout the connection for

reasons of protocol. Yet the renewal of the churches, which nearly all agree, is critical and urgent for today. It requires (A), time for long-range thinking and planning of episcopal leadership; (B), continuity and conception and organization of the role of episcopal leadership for the Church; (C), a coherent representation and nurture of the whole work and task of the Church in today's world; (D), coordination of episcopal leadership for the whole Church in a time of unusual spiritual, moral and societal crisis.

I urge on the part of this body favorable consideration of this amendment on the ground that it is one way only, not *the* way, but one way to assist renewal of the Church, to emancipate and empower its episcopacy.

I say to you, let the leaders resume leadership; where there is no bishop, the people perish. Let the bishops be bishops. We have admirable machinery, but I fear we are often impotent for want of a center and a soul.

Speaks Against Amendment—W. Jene Miller

W. Jene Miller (Oklahoma—SC): Mr. Chairman, the power of The Methodist Church has always been vested in the Annual Conferences rather than a hierarchical system.

To establish a continuing and ascending pattern of power is to put us under the aegis of having to ask the consent of those who supervise rather than those who actually do the work of the Church, which is a mission to persons in the world, not the establishment of system.

Secondly, never before in the history of Methodism, which you will remember a few years ago before all of you were born, of course, they bragged that there wasn't a college graduate in the Methodist ministry west of the Mississippi. This has been pretty well altered and we have a higher caliber of well-trained and qualified leadership in the districts, and the local churches and the Annual Conferences to work through committees, commissions, and boards.

And thirdly, I believe in protecting the power of the episcopal office, even from having an episcopal office over the episcopal office, and therefore, in the words of the gentleman who introduced this motion, let the bishops be the bishops.

Speaks in Favor of Proposal—Arthur Fleming

Arthur Fleming (Oregon—W): Mr. Chairman, I would like to support the proposed amendment. It seems to me that it makes good sense from the standpoint of organization and administration. And speaking from experience, I know that it would make it possible for The Methodist Church to be a more effective member as a denomination of the National Council of Churches.

I hope the amendment will prevail.

Speaks Against Proposal—Hurst R. Anderson

Hurst R. Anderson (Baltimore—NE): I face a diplomatic problem on this because two of my very good friends have spoken in favor of this amendment and I think if *Bob Cushman's* father were alive today, he would turn over here and really be ashamed of his son.

Bob, I can't help but treat this somewhat lightly, but I have on my faculty in Washington a little committee that would like to limit the term of deans of our institution and I suspect at Duke there is a similar little committee that wants to limit the term of deans.

In order to achieve any degree of academic freedom on a campus or freedom of action in The Methodist Church, this long term of the

bishop has provided that freedom and if we give up that freedom I think I will be very much ashamed of what we do today.

Speaks in Favor of Proposal—J. Earl Moreland

J. Earl Moreland (Virginia—SE): To my distinguished colleague who just spoke, I think if Bishop Cushman were alive today, he would be exceedingly proud of his son. And for many good reasons, too. But I do think, *Mr. Cushman*, that this is what is popularly called on the college campuses as a timely creative suggestion.

I think first of all that it is important that we have this office for the sake of the prestige of the Church.

I speak as a layman, not as a minister. This is my eighth General Conference. I think that the Church should be—could be well served in our time by having this particular office and I hope the gentleman I am going to refer to will forgive me for saying this, but I think a man such as the gentleman who made the address—of what a wonderful thing it could be for the whole wide world if he could be in this office.

The second reason I think this would be good is because we are in an increasingly complicated and very intricate society in our time, and who can deny it? We need these factors of coordination as well as persons to coordinate our efforts. And I do not think this needs to be belaboring.

We have a difficult situation in our time trying to find unifying centers and coordinating factors and coordinating persons and our Church already has more than 10 million members.

The third reason, it would appear to me, is that it would have great values for international relations. For example, in trying to represent the Church for fourteen years in Brazil, I can see it immediately, and my distinguished friend who is the first graduate of my college, Bishop Barbieri will know what I mean immediately. We would have a relationship with Latin America and with Europe and with other countries through this office we could not possibly have without this office. And I wish I had the time—I will not take the time to defend this idea. It would be a great thing for our Methodist Church abroad, let me tell you, if we had this. It would put us in the position in which we have never yet been put.

And fourth and finally, it seems to me, and my good friend, the President, your Mr. Morgan intimated this, that we have come to a time when we need our relationships with governments, including Washington, clarified, and this becomes increasingly difficult as the days go by even for us in the colleges and universities. We face the most complicated situation imaginable, though we have the American Council of Education and the Association of American Colleges.

So it seems to me for these four reasons, Mr. Chairman, I would like to insist that what *Dean Cushman*, so wisely said, should be considered one of the most creative suggestions in the history of the Church.

Previous Question Moved—Clytus F. Mowry

Clytus F. Mowry (Western New York—NE) moved the previous question and it was called for.

Closing Statement

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference, this proposal comes as a complete surprise to the Committee on the Ministry. It has not been reviewed by that Commit-

tee and therefore must be judged on the basis of this presentation on the floor of the Conference.

Therefore, no matter what my personal disposition might be, speaking as I am for the Committee on the Ministry, I cannot support it, having been presented at this late hour.

For example, what would happen to this bishop once he had served his quadrennium as presiding officer of The Methodist Church? Where would he go?

Point of Order—Lawrence E. Gudarian

Lawrence E. Gudarian (Oregon—W) raised a question concerning the Chairman of the Committee voicing a statement for the Committee.

Bishop Smith ruled the Point of Order was not well taken and that the Chairman of the Committee had a right for the last statement.

Closing Statement Continued

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): The only point, brethren, I'm trying to make is that for this matter to be implemented, there are serious factors that have to be decided deliberately by a committee and the provisions stated in the *Discipline* to carry it out. Then traditionally the president of a Methodist Conference has always presided for one year. That has been the link between American Methodism and British Methodism.

The secretary of the Council goes on interminably, but not the presiding officer. This idea has been borrowed from the procedures of the Episcopal Church here in the United States where they do have a presiding bishop but as I understand it, he generally serves out his term in that position, though it may be for a definite period of time, and then reelected. I just don't remember the details of that. But we can't support it for that reason, although I appreciate the idea as such and appreciate the very brilliant and creative way in which my colleague, *Dean Cushman*, has presented it. It is very difficult for me to oppose him on anything, and I do want to commend him for the admirable presentation he made.

Amendment Lost

The *Cushman* amendment was voted upon and was lost.

Report of Committee on Ministry Adopted

Upon vote of the Conference, Paragraphs 48-52 inclusive were approved. (DCA, page 927; see Appendix, pages 2979, 3020.)

Report of Committee on Ministry Continued—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE) presented Paragraphs 54 and 55 for adoption.

Amendment Proposed—Walther Zeuner

Walther Zeuner (Northwest Germany—OS): I would like to refer to Paragraph 55. As this Constitution is for the Church at large, I think we ought to include the Central Conferences here: "The bishops

of the several Jurisdictional and Central Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Conferences."

I would like to move this amendment.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Zeuner: I think as this Division Three refers to the Episcopal Supervision of the whole Church, it ought to be included here as well as for making reference, notwithstanding the fact that not only Jurisdictional questions are referred to under this Division.

For instance, there is under 52, last paragraph on page 16, reference to Central Conferences, and in other parts as well. I think this is a general declaration about who is responsible to preside at the various Conferences, and I think we ought to include it here as well.

Speaks Against Amendment—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): I can't avoid the conclusion that this is already specifically covered, page 12, Paragraph 31. This deals with episcopal administration in Central Conferences, and Paragraph 31 which is Article III specifically provides that "the bishops of the Central Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Central Conferences."

Now on page 17, which is the one *Dr. Zeuner* has called to our attention, deals with the same subject matter in exactly the same terms, Paragraph 55: "The bishops of the several Jurisdictional Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Jurisdictional Conferences." I think both are covered. I see no reason to be redundant, which it would be, I should think, to repeat it.

Speaks in Favor of Amendment—Carl E. Sommer

Carl E. Sommer (Southwest Germany—OS): The point is this, Mr. Chairman, that under Paragraph 51, for instance, you have the bishops of each Jurisdictional and Central Conference. You have in Paragraph 54 "bishop presiding over an Annual, Central, or Jurisdictional Conference." There is no earthly reason why it should be left out here so as to make one feel there might be some idea that the Central Conference is some secondary affair.

Incidentally, the same refers to Paragraph 53, which maybe we can discuss with the chairman of the Committee. I feel that as this whole passage, Division Three, does include the matters of the episcopacy at large, all of them, this should also be inserted here because we feel that although it may have been mentioned before, this is, at least, the place where it comes as well, and you cannot distinguish in such a matter between Jurisdictional Conferences and Central Conferences.

We feel that although it is a minor matter, by way of words, it may become something which people might be sensitive to, and we ask your understanding on this matter.

Speaks in Favor of Amendment—Eric A. Mitchell

Eric A. Mitchell (Bombay—OS): Mr. Chairman, the provisions as set forth in the Central Conferences deals with specifically the Central Conferences themselves. We are grateful for the provisions that are provided there, but in the third Section, it deals with the total Episcopal Supervisions, and I think that the request from our friends in Germany is well-founded and I would support it that it should be admitted, Central Conferences as well, because it deals with the total supervision of The United Methodist Church.

Amendment Carries

The amendment was put to a vote and was adopted.

Paragraphs 54 and 55 As Amended Adopted

Paragraphs 54 and 55 as amended were adopted. (DCA, page 928; see Appendix, pages 2979, 3020.)

Paragraph 56 Presented—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): Paragraph 56. Now there is a suggested change from our Committee to this text. The change is in the interest, we think, of clarity. It does not change the substance of the Article in the least.

"In each Annual Conference there shall be one or more district superintendents."—Put a period there. "They shall be appointed by the bishop and shall assist the bishop in the administration of the Annual Conference and shall have such responsibilities and term of office as the General Conference may determine."

Question for Clarification—John Persinger

John Persinger (Rocky Mountain—W): I understand that the procedure The Evangelical United Brethren Church has for the securing of their district superintendents differs from ours and that they elect. Could we ask Dr. Parlin to tell us what he feels about their reaction to our procedure of appointing district superintendents?

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): This item caused hours of discussion, second only to the name of the United Church, because this was one of the vital differences in our procedure. We had submitted to us and we ourselves devised innumerable compromise measures based on nominations.

We had sometimes nominations by the bishop to be elected by the Conference; sometimes nominations by the Conference, and out of those the bishop selected; and a great list of variables on that theme. It was an interesting phenomenon that in the end the E.U.B. Commissioners were unanimous in their decision that they should accept, in the best interests of the Church, the Methodist system of appointment and that the reason was that they felt that their system would be applicable for small Annual Conferences such as theirs are, and that they could handle it.

But when they came to realize that in many of our Annual Conferences there were 15, 16, 18 district superintendents, it simply was not practical and they would not like to saddle The United Methodist Church with a system which, in their opinion, would be impractical.

Now there were certain diehards in the group there representing people who simply refused to accept this. And the compromise came in the 12-year rule, so that any Annual Conference that feels that this is essential, has twelve years in which to continue their system of electing district superintendents.

This took care of the situation because practically every one of the individuals as they canvassed their constituency, who felt that this was an essential part of the program, was a man who was not personally interested in the issue after twelve years.

Amendment Proposed—Donald E. Holbrook

Donald E. Holbrook (Michigan—NC): I stand here in fear and trembling after what Dr. Parlin has said. But I have always taught my Sunday school class to stand up for what their conscience dictated

and that is why I'm going to say what I'm going to give to this Conference at this time.

I move that Article IX, Paragraph 56 be amended to read as follows:

"In each Annual Conference there shall be one or more district superintendents who shall assist the bishop in administration of the Annual Conference and shall have such responsibilities and term of office as the General Conference may determine."

If I have a second, I would like to speak to the motion.

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Bishop Smith: It is seconded.

Mr. Holbrook: There are several reasons why I have offered this amendment. The first is this: The Methodist Church is a Church that is one of the largest in the world, and I say humbly that I am grateful to be a part of it. I love the bishops, I know many of them personally. I know a number of district superintendents. I don't know any bishops or any district superintendents who are not men of God, dedicated and doing an excellent job.

Question for Clarification—C. Asbury Smith

C. Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE): I would like to direct to the mover of this motion: How is this man to be appointed? This is the point at issue. He has omitted that entirely. I don't think we know what the gentleman is talking about.

Donald E. Holbrook: If you would turn to page 81 of the proposed Plan of Union, you will find that Paragraph 335 provides for the selection, appointment or election of district superintendents if and when we get to that point.

Point of Order—Charles M. Earley

Charles M. Earley (Virginia—SE): My point of order, Bishop, is: If I understand or understood this offered amendment correctly, that it is actually a deletion and not an amendment. It appears to me that he is deleting or offering to delete four words: "appointed by the bishop."

I would like to know if I am correct there, sir?

Bishop Smith ruled that what is proposed is an amendment by deletion.

Mr. Holbrook continued: I have always felt that The Methodist Church through its wisdom has acted very wisely in its administration, but I feel, that The Methodist Church now ten million, three hundred thousand strong, would be benefited and strengthened provided the General Conference determines the selection of district superintendents other than by direct appointment by the bishops. And I fully understand that they are answerable to the bishops. I fully understand that they have to work with the bishops. I fully understand that they are answerable also to the district to which they are assigned.

Now if we have a provision made in our new joinder between the E.U.B. and The Methodist Church whereby the local church in the Annual Conference has a say as to who will be selected as the particular district superintendent or district superintendents, I believe we are strengthening the structure of The Methodist Church, and I am for that.

Now I don't say that Dr. Parlin and the Ad Hoc Committee haven't given this serious attention. I know they have, and I have to, in fairness, say that their attention to it no doubt has been much longer and much more detailed and maybe more prayerfully given attention than that which I have given, but I do feel this, and I feel it sincerely, that we are having a marriage between two churches and I always felt that when the love between two marriage partners is of that extent, that the one will grant unto the other that which that particular person wants, even though it is not expressed or demanded. That it is an expression of true faith, true love and a lasting marriage.

Now we know that the E.U.B. Church has not insisted upon this part or this change, and what I am proposing here now is not and cannot be changed until we have a consideration of the other section which is Paragraph 335 on page 81. And if I had the power and it was proper, I would offer an amendment to that paragraph at this time, but I believe, Mr. Chairman, that I would be out of order to do so. So I say to this great Conference of The Methodist Church, I implore you to search your hearts. What we do, we want to do voluntarily because, as we know, the Lord loves a cheerful giver. And I'm not talking about money. I'm talking about actions of the heart that go to the core of some of the folks in the E.U.B. Church. And Dr. Parlin, in all deference to you, I have only talked to the diehards. I have yet to find anyone that agrees that they would like to give up the ability that they have or the strength or the right that they have to express in some manner their selection of their district superintendents, and so to this General Conference, to you, Mr. Chairman, and the Council of Bishops and you wise men and women of this Conference, I beg of you to search your hearts and prayerfully concern yourselves about this amendment. And I move its adoption.

Speaks Against Amendment—Carl F. Lueg

Carl F. Lueg (Louisiana—SE): This phrase, "appointed by the bishop" was purposely put in here by the Committee on the Ministry in order to safeguard a time-honored and proven procedure.

As implied by Mr. Parlin, some of the E.U.B. conferences are so small, they have a need for only one district superintendent, and for that reason the district superintendent could be elected by the members of the Annual Conference as a practical procedure.

However, in a Conference where we have six to ten or even more district superintendents, this procedure to elect the district superintendents would be, to put it mildly, impractical and unworkable. If we change our time-honored and proven practice, and elected our district superintendents, we would make almost impossible the effective and efficient administration of the work of the bishop and the Annual Conference.

It would also produce, I believe, a political situation at the average Annual Conference that would be intolerable.

Amendment to Amendment Proposed—Robert W. Moon

Robert W. Moon (California-Nevada—W): I want to move an amendment to the amendment, Bishop. I want to move an amendment so that in the third line of Paragraph 56, there will be a period at the end of "Annual Conference." "Their selection, responsibilities and term of office shall be as the General Conference may determine." If I may have a second, I will speak to it for a moment.

Bishop Smith: Is there a second?

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Mr. Moon: Bishop, all we are doing by both of these amendments is to guarantee that the method of selecting the superintendents will be determined by the General Conference as it is now. At the present time, it is not a constitutional matter, and the original amendment and this amendment say nothing about how the superintendent shall be selected. It just takes it out of the Constitution, so that the determination of these things may be made by a session of the General Conference.

Speaks Against Amendment to Amendment—Norman Trott

Norman Trott (Baltimore—NE): I wish to speak against the amendment to the amendment. If this is lifted out of the Constitution, but the principle is retained in the *Discipline*, we throw in jeopardy at this point the whole matter of selection to the superintendency. The one thing we are sure about in this General Conference, if we complete a Constitution and Enabling Act, is that the materials there are reasonably fixed. If this is lifted out of the Constitution, it is open-ended in 1968 and it is quite possible that you could find a bloc on the E.U.B. side which would push the election of a superintendent.

If we were functioning only within our own body, we would not be disturbed at this shift from the Constitution to the *Discipline*. But anything that is important to us should be secured in the Constitution at this time.

Speaks in Favor of Amendment to Amendment—David Lindstrom

David Lindstrom (Central Illinois—NC): Yes, sir. I support the amendment to the amendment because I think the manner of selection is properly not in the Constitution in which it is frozen, keeping it and thus making it impossible for us at the General Conference to consider better ways of doing this kind of a job.

I think we ought not to make this matter a Constitutional matter, and I think I am supported in that by many people who have looked at this in terms of maintaining a democratic structure insofar as possible in our beloved Church.

Previous Question Moved—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—NC) moved the previous question and it was ordered.

Closing Statement—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): I rise to defend the text as it stands and against the amendments. The E.U.B. Church—fifty percent of their Annual Conferences have only one district superintendent. The largest number in any Annual Conference of the E.U.B. is three. They have elected and it has been dear to their hearts and it has been practical and it has worked. But they have come to see that this simply does not work when it comes to our system.

It was agreed that we would take the Methodist system of appointment.

Point of Order—Robert W. Moon

Robert W. Moon (California-Nevada—W): I believe that the man at the microphone should now be speaking to the amendment and not to something that is not before us. The amendment does not have to do with how we shall elect the superintendents, but whether or not it shall stay in the *Discipline*.

Bishop Smith ruled the point was not well taken and that Mr. Parlin has a right to speak as he has spoken.

Mr. Parlin continued: I'm trying to defend the agreement which we had with our E.U.B. Commissioners that in the Church to be, The United Methodist Church, we should adopt the principle of appointment of district superintendents; and secondly, that this should be put in the Constitution.

When we studied this matter in depth, which we did, the procedures of the E.U.B. Church and The Methodist Church, we came to the agreement that this power of appointment was important to a Church of our size.

Organizationally we are the envy of every Protestant denomination in America, and it was the feeling of many of the Commissioners that one of the important elements of our strength in organization was this power of appointment, and it should be put in the Constitution.

Amendments Defeated—Paragraph 56 Adopted

The amendment to the amendment was defeated. The Holbrook amendment was defeated. Paragraph 56 was adopted. (DCA, page 931; see Appendix, pages 2980, 3021.)

Paragraph 57 Presented and Adopted—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): This brings us now to page 17, Article X, Paragraph 57. We recommend its adoption.

It was adopted. (DCA, page 931; see Appendix, pages 2979, 3021.)

Action on Paragraph 33 Reconsidered—Don W. Holter

Don W. Holter (Kansas—SC): I move reconsideration of Paragraph 33, Article V.

This was adopted.

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): Will you look now at Paragraph 33, and listen as I read this statement contained in the *Advocate*: "When so assigned the bishop shall be recognized as the accredited representative of the general church and when requested by a majority of the bishops in that Conference, may exercise therein the functions of the episcopacy."

You will note the difference in that statement and the one given on page 12, Paragraph 33. It is the amended statement that your Committee requests, is it not?

Paragraph 33, Section V Adopted

Paragraph 33 as amended was adopted. (DCA, page 932; see Appendix, pages 2979, 3015.)

Paragraph 53 Presented by Committee on Ministry—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): Now, Bishop Smith, brethren, page 16, Paragraph 53, Article VI. I indicated there is to be a Minority Report on that. If the people who are to make the

Minority Report will come forward, let them do so quickly, please.

The Committee by Majority Report recommends the adoption of Paragraph 53, Article VI, as written.

Now I will let the spokesman for the Minority Report indicate the change, and after that, at the end of the presentation and debate, I reserve the right to speak on behalf of the Committee, and of course, Mr. Parlin to speak on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion to Substitute Minority Report—K. Morgan Edwards

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona—W): Bishop Smith, if I understand the procedure, I am now to request that the Minority Report be substituted for the Majority Report in order to get it before you.

Bishop Smith: That is correct, you read the Minority Report.

Mr. Edwards: All right. The Minority Report is simply to delete the second paragraph under Paragraph 53, Article VI, and this is on page 15 in the work document, page 16 in the Plan of Union. This would be simply the deletion of the second paragraph, leaving intact the first paragraph and the third paragraph under Paragraph 53, Article VI. If I have a second, I should like to move this to get it before the house.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Bishop Smith: All right, it is now before the house because you represent the Minority Report. We will now turn to the perfecting of the original, if there are any changes to be made in it—any amendments or anything else to the original?

I hear none. If not, we turn now to the Minority Report and we can perfect that, if it is necessary to do so. If not, we will proceed.
Dr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards: Thank you, sir. Bishop Smith, members of the General Conference: The intention of this is simply to remove as a constitutional matter the life tenure of bishops.

In your *Advocate*, when this Minority Report is signed, there will be ten ministers' names who are willing to offer their ecclesiastical careers for their convictions. And most of them came to me to say, "I want you to make it clear that I believe in life tenure. I simply do not want it to be in the Constitution."

This is the purpose of the motion and there are three reasons I think why this Minority Report is being made.

First, it is a matter of precedent. For 180 years this matter has been worked out by the General Conference without having it as a constitutional matter.

The second is a matter of flexibility. To put it in the Constitution, if we should ever decide to change it, would mean not only the substantial majority vote in the General Conference but ratification by all of the Annual Conferences.

But the third reason, I think, is the reason that concerns me the most. And this is that we would be affronting our brothers in the Evangelical United Brethren Church before they have a chance to discuss with us the differences between their tradition and our own.

Now I should like to say here with real confidence that it is possible for an effective and harmonious Union to be achieved between the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church, and my proof for that is that I married a United Brethren girl. But I should also like to say to you, and I hope she has gone to lunch, that it will not necessarily be a harmonious relationship at first.

And it will especially not be so if, when we are entering into this

relationship, we solidify in the Constitution something we know our brothers care deeply about, something which is different from their tradition, before they have an opportunity to enter into this marriage relationship with us and face it in a family conference.

Now a lot of things have been said in interpreting how the United Brethren or Evangelical United Brethren feel about certain issues. On the immediate last issue the chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee said they have come to see the wisdom of this issue about superintendents.

I do not think it is possible for any of us to interpret how the whole denomination feels. I simply can say that my college was a United Brethren college—now an Evangelical United Brethren college. And the men who are my contemporaries, are not yet bishops and they would favor not having this in the Constitution. I think therefore that all we are asking is that this not be a constitutional matter until we have entered into Union.

Speaks Against Minority Report—Norman L. Trott

Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE): There is one fundamental reason for keeping this matter of life tenure for the episcopacy in the Constitution, and that is to prevent the character of the episcopacy from being changed by a motion from the floor of any General Conference, making it binding at that time. If at some time we wish seriously to consider a term episcopacy rather than life tenure, it ought to be done within a larger framework than this.

We should certainly have an involvement of our Annual Conferences, a four-year period, and more than a majority vote.

Speaks in Favor of Minority Report—Jack M. Tuell

Jack M. Tuell (Pacific Northwest—W): Thank you, sir, I would like to remind us of the words of Bishop Loder yesterday morning at devotions. He made a statement, "when we are afraid, we build a wall."

I would hate to see our Methodist Church at this time succumb to the fear that would make it necessary to build a constitutional wall at a time when we come into Union with the E.U.B. with their different traditions.

I am a traditionalist. I believe firmly in the noble tradition and custom of life episcopacy, as it has been a part of our Church from the time of Bishop Asbury to the time of bishops who now sit on this platform.

It is a mistake to say that we ought to keep this provision in our Constitution, for it has never been specifically in our Constitution as such.

I believe that it is a mistake at this point in history to freeze this into our Constitution.

I believe that we ought to reaffirm our support of life episcopacy by custom and tradition but not by constitutional provision.

Speaks Against Minority Report—John Herr

John Herr (Philadelphia—NE): I am speaking against the Minority Report, because the impression has been given that this will do something new in The Methodist Church.

I call to your attention the second of the Restrictive Rules.

Speaks in Favor of Minority Report—Chester Pennington

Chester Pennington (Minnesota—NC): I can only repeat what has already been said and try to correct an impression which I believe is a misimpression.

The intention of this Minority Report is not to do anything new nor to change our current practice. It is not presently a constitutional matter. This whole question of the tenure of bishops is a matter of legislation in the hands of this General Conference and this is where we believe it belongs.

Speaks in Opposition to Minority Report—Richard Cain

Richard Cain (Southern California-Arizona—W): Mr. Chairman, I want to oppose the Minority Report since I think that actually *Doctor Edwards* did reveal the reason for this.

We are concerned about the possibility of establishing term episcopacy, and I think that members of the Minority Committee ought to realize this.

This is at least the interpretation that must be put upon it.

I also suggest brethren that we keep referring to precedence, and this is most important, certainly to one who claims to be an historian.

On the other hand, I would remind you that we are building a new Constitution. We have talked repeatedly about a new church. As we begin this new Church, it seems to me it is essential that we state very clearly what we believe and what we anticipate should be the belief of the new Church.

If we take this out of the Plan of Union, which has been agreed to by the Commissioners of the E.U.B. Church and our own communion, we are announcing clearly by intention that we are not willing to stand by the life-time episcopacy. Now if this is our intent we ought to say it very honestly and not by this means which could be understood as a devious route.

We are trying to define the office of the episcopacy and this is the reason that it goes into the Constitution. We are trying to define it in terms of our precedence, of our history and experience and expectation in the new Church.

May I also remind you that we are defining the episcopacy for the other sections of the Church and it is essential in this moment of our communication and consultation with various sections of the Church that we declare unequivocally what is our experience at this moment?

May I also say that one of the other arguments which has been used in this and other ways is to suggest that once you have it in the Constitution, it is frozen?

I want to remind you that it is exactly the opposite. Constitutional law exists, so, that we can provide changes in an orderly fashion, this is one of the necessary checks and balances that we ought to accept for General Conferences.

We can propose changes at any time, concerning the tenure of the episcopacy. It means that we have to take in consultation and allow a wider section in the Church to participate in such a fundamental question of our life and order. Do you realize if we take it out of the Constitution it leaves it to approximately eight hundred people to make such a decision? By placing it in the Constitution, we insure that several thousand people will have a chance to express what is their will and desire.

I plead, with you brothers, first that we are defining the office, and second that we are trying to provide a procedure in constitutional law which states clearly what we believe, and also that we are guaranteeing a better democratic process than is possible under the pressure that we frequently have to operate at the General Conference.

I think that there are several very important questions made in statements which should be left in the Constitution, which defines clearly where we are, but does not freeze it.

I urge you to defeat the Minority Report.

Previous Question Moved—Irrving L. Smith

Irrving L. Smith (Oklahoma—SC) moved the previous question and it was voted. (DCA, page 933.)

Closing Statements

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): I think that the main arguments in support of the Majority Report have been very admirably stated by the various speakers already.

We owe this to our brethren of the other denomination that they understand clearly that we are committed to a permanent episcopacy, that is leadership elected until the time of retirement. But it seems to me that there is another issue that has to bear on ecumenicity itself.

This merger is what I hope will be the first real step forward by our Methodism in the ecumenical enterprise, that we will see weddings with other churches in the future.

Now, each church has to take account of its own basic traditions. It looks at its own history, but it never sees that history in isolation from the total history of the Church. That is, it is put in a universal perspective, and churches that have been governed by an episcopacy have defined that episcopacy always in life term.

To me, it is almost inconceivable to use the word "bishop" in any other context, and still take into account the general sweep of church history.

From the time of Ignatius of Antioch at the beginning of the Second Century, the episcopate was defined and in defining the episcopate the church itself got its definition.

So, I think that this is a step forward in the ecumenical enterprise. It enhances the office of a bishop in the mind of the church universal, and then it gives that freedom of leadership, that opportunity of creativity which can enable our Church to go forward in a remarkable way as we enter the future.

So, on behalf of the Majority of our Committee, I hope that the Conference will sustain the legislation recommended on pages 16 and 17 as printed.

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona—W): Thank you, Bishop Smith.

I think that *Dean Cannon* has made my speech for me in the first two paragraphs of his speech. He said in the interest of fairness to our new partners and then he went on to say that we want this to be a real and satisfactory marriage.

Now, I want it abundantly clear that the rest of you are entitled to your illusions, but I know that I have the best bishop in Methodism, and I want to have him for life, but all that we are asking in this Minority Report, is that in consideration of an harmonious marriage, we do not sign all kinds of contracts that are binding before we have a chance to talk things over with our partners-to-be.

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Second only to the items of name and the Methodist selecting of district superintendents on our agenda that took hours of discussion, was this point of life tenure of bishops.

If you will notice the first paragraph at the top of page 17, which is now before us, it is not effective, but you will recognize there verbatim.

Section 526, from our Methodist *Discipline*, which provides for each Jurisdiction having a standing committee on episcopacy, which reviews the work of the bishop for the ending quadrennium, and they report back to the Jurisdiction on the character and administration and whether this man is acceptable for assignment for the coming quadrennium.

When the E.U.B.s came to study this, they said, "that there is absolutely no difference in our procedures, because in the history of our Church we have failed only once to reelect to retirement age a bishop, so that all we do in our voting at the Annual Conference is for a General Conference quadrennium which is to review the qualifications of the bishop and his availability for assignment.

"Frankly we like your system better of having the review by a Committee on Episcopacy rather than having it made on the floor of the General Conference, and then voting and casting ballots for bishops, but we would like to be assured that if we take life tenure that we have this provision about a standing Committee of Episcopacy in the Jurisdiction." And hence this is lifted from the *Discipline* and put into the Constitution.

Now, therefore, I cannot agree with *Dr. Edwards* that the two Churches have not had an opportunity to discuss the matter. We have been discussing the matter for some six years with our two Commissions, and this is the conclusion that we have come up with.

Now, what is fair? We came to the conclusion in the Joint Commission, there is no problem between the two denominations, that when people stand up and vote as we will do tomorrow morning "yes" or "no" on this Union, we should know what we are voting for, and we Commissioners rightly or wrongly represented to the E.U.B. "If you come and join the Methodists you are going to have life tenure and you are going to have appointment of district superintendents."

They said, "well, let's face up to it then, and put it in the Constitution, not create any illusions that this is going to be opened up and redebated every quadrennium and with the possibility of success that someday we might push the ball across the line and change this rule."

They said, "But what if we want to reject it?" But we said, "If you come and join the United Methodists we are going to have life tenure, we are going to have appointment of district superintendents." And so they said, "Put it in the Constitution." It seems to me comparable on our side, for instance, would be if we want to take the name out of the Constitution and put it in the *Discipline* on the theory that—well, in '68 maybe we can push the ball back across the line and we can have our own name back, and that wouldn't be fair either.

When we stand up and vote we're going to take that name and when they stand up to vote they are going to take life tenure and appointment of district superintendents. This was the theory of putting it in the Constitution.

Minority Report Defeated—Paragraph 53 Adopted

The Minority Report was put to vote and was defeated.

Paragraph 53 was then put to vote as presented by the Committee on Ministry and was adopted. (DCA, page 934; see Appendix, pages 2980, 3020.)

Adjournment

After announcements, Bishop Smith called upon Bishop Ruiz of Mexico to pronounce the benediction. The benediction was given in Spanish.

THIRD DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1966
AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., Presiding

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference was convened for the afternoon session on the third day, Thursday, November 10, 1966 at 2:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., of the Southwestern Area, presiding.

The Conference stood and sang "How Firm a Foundation."

Bishop Odd Hagen of Sweden led in prayer: We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, that Thou hast called us in this time to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood and God's own people.

This is much more than any one of us deserves and we know that it is by Thy grace, we believe in Jesus Christ, we have this high privilege.

When we now again are gathered to discuss and to decide upon matters important to the Kingdom, which is eternal, we sincerely ask for the guidance of Thy holy spirit, that we may be led to such a love for our fellowman that we can really declare the wonderful deeds of Him who hast called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

This we pray in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Agenda Committee Report—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference, the agenda for the afternoon session is being recommended as printed on the front page of the *Daily Christian Advocate* with the possibility that we may seek another hour for adjournment. I move its adoption.

It was adopted. (DCA, page 935; see Appendix, page 2915.)

Report of Committee on Ministry Continued—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): Bishop Moore, Brethren, you will recall that at the 1964 session of this General Conference a special Commission was appointed to study the ministry.

That Commission has been working assiduously at its task and has, at this present moment, done a great deal of the work in preparation for its final report at the General Conference of 1968.

You will recall that on the opening day of this session, that report, tentative report, or progress report was referred to the Committee on Ministry.

Now, we learn from the report that certain changes are necessary in the Plan of Union if that report can be received and implemented at the next session, at the session of 1968.

Therefore, on yesterday evening, we deferred action on Paragraphs

34, 35 and 37, the sections under "Annual Conferences," which is Page 13, Section VII on "Annual Conferences," Paragraphs 34, 35 and 37, pending further recommendations of the Committee on Ministry.

Since this matter was a matter for the Commission on the Ministry, we have asked certain members of that Commission who were also members of our Legislative Committee on the Ministry to make that report and to present the specific recommendation.

I am asking *Brother Jack Tuell* and *Dr. Mack B. Stokes*, both distinguished members of that Commission and, likewise, members of our Committee, to come forward now and to make this report.

Paragraphs 34 and 35 Presented—Jack M. Tuell

Jack M. Tuell (Pacific Northwest—W): If you will, open to page 13, Item 34, I will give the material as it is printed.

In line 1, delete the words, "all the," those two words, following the words, "composed of."

Paragraph 34 on page 13, in line 2, delete the words, "in full connection with it," and substitute, "as the General Conference shall determine."

In line 5, delete the words, "in full connection," before the words, "shall be entitled."

And in line 6, delete the words, "ministers in full connection," following "full time," and substitute, "ministerial members."

The article as amended would then read as follows:

"The Annual Conference shall be composed of traveling preachers as the General Conference shall determine, together with a lay member elected by each charge, the conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the conference lay leader. Each charge served by more than one minister shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are effective full-time ministerial members. The lay members shall be twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent churches forming this union, or of The United Methodist Church."

Mr. Chairman, our proposal also involves some brief changes in Paragraph 35 which help to clarify this and I don't know whether you wish me to present that or, at this point, to stop for action.

Go ahead? All right.

Turn to Paragraph 35, because this is all part of one action.

We are now in Paragraph 35, Line 6, delete the words "and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution," and add, "with the exception that ministerial members who are not in full connection may not vote on those matters specified above—" and with the further exception in line 9, following the word "ministers," add this sentence: "The Annual Conference shall have such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution."

Now, let me read Paragraph 35 as it would be amended, as it would read in totality:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General, Jurisdictional, or Central Conferences on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, with the exception that ministerial members who are not in full connection may not vote on those matters specified above and with the further exception that lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of ministers. The Annual Conference shall have such other rights as

have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

I think we will pause there. We have one small amendment. I will move the adoption of 34 and 35 and then speak to it.

Bishop Moore: It is before you.

From the Floor: Second.

Mr. Tuell: The purpose of this legislation is to make it possible for the General Conference of our Church to deal with the matters of the ministry which have been troubling us for several quadrenniums.

We have been prohibited by the present terms of Constitution from being able to do anything about working out the problem of the approved supply pastor and his rights as far as voting in the Annual Conference is concerned.

This proposal creates the possibility of a class of Annual Conference membership which would be composed of traveling preachers but who would be other than in full connection and whose rights and qualifications would be determined by this General Conference at such time as this can be accomplished, presumably in 1968, at the time that the report of the continuing Study Committee on the Ministry is presented.

We believe that this legislation—when I say "we," I include the whole Legislative Committee on the Ministry who join in this report—is essential to the General Conference's ability to deal creatively with the problems which confront us in the matter of relationships in the Annual Conference and the right to vote.

Therefore, we hope very much, the General Conference will see fit to pass this legislation.

Questions Asked and Answered

Several questions were asked by delegates for clarification and were answered by the Committee. Judge Vincent Mouser (Louisiana—SC) proposed an amendment which the Committee accepted. This added to Paragraph 35 the following words: "or to the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences."

The sentence to which these words are added would then read: "The Annual Conference shall have such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference, or to the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, under the Constitution."

Paragraphs 34 and 35 as Amended Adopted

The Conference adopted Paragraphs 34 and 35 as presented by the Committee and amended. (Editor's Note: In a later session, certain changes proposed by the Committee were nullified on the basis that such changes required approval of the E.U.B. General Conference which that Conference did not give. For the full text of what was finally approved, see Paragraphs 34 and 35 in the Plan of Union as Amended, DCA, page 937; see Appendix, pages 2982, 3015.)

Paragraph 37 Amended and Approved

Jack M. Tuell (Pacific Northwest—W): The other amendment that we have related to the same subject, skips Paragraph 36 and moves to Paragraph 37. In line 3, add the words "in full connection with—". Following the word "members," insert the words, "in full connection with." We should delete the word "of," there.

This would make the paragraph read: "The ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members in full connection with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference," et cetera, the same as the paragraph here.

If I might move this, let's get a second on it, I will speak to it.

Bishop Moore: Second? It is seconded.

Mr. Tuell: This is simply to clarify at this point, that the electing privileges are still retained by the full members of the Annual Conference—election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

This Paragraph as amended was adopted. (DCA, page 937; see Appendix, page 3016.)

Questions for Clarification Answered

Roy H. Nichols (New York—NE): This is a question, Bishop.

I hear a good deal of discussion about legislation in '68 and I would like clarification. It is my understanding that in 1968 when the two Conferences meet—the two General Conferences meet—prior to the actual point where we unite, neither Conference can do anything to alter the Constitution. Am I correct?

Bishop Moore: Yes, you are correct.

Mr. Nichols: Now after we merge, presumably, we will still be meeting then as one Conference. At this point, we may? That is my question.

Bishop Moore: Mr. Parlin, will you please answer the question?

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): The Uniting Conference has no power to put into operation the machinery for an amendment to the Constitution. All it can do—as I pointed out this morning in the Enabling Legislation—is to make recommendations to Annual Conferences and they can take votes in their next session which would be either '68 or '69, and then it takes a subsequent action of The United Methodist Church General Conference to make that amendment effective.

Mr. Nichols: Now, this would then be—really, we are talking about legislation that would come in '72. What can we do in '68? Nothing?

Mr. Parlin: Not on the Constitution.

Mr. Nichols: That's what I mean.

Mr. Parlin: We're wide open on the *Discipline*.

Mr. Nichols: In other words, whatever is not done.

Mr. Parlin: Constitutionally, that's correct.

Now, I had thought that the Commission on Ministry was in that position anyhow.

For example, if we had gone normal, if we hadn't had this special session, our quadrennium Commission on the Ministry would have brought to our General Conference of 1968 a recommendation for constitutional amendments.

Those, if adopted by the General Conference of '68, would then cir-

culate the Annual Conferences and become effective sometime during the quadrennium but they certainly wouldn't be effective in '68.

Now, this is an attempt, as I understand it—and I am perfectly willing to try to get clear with the E.U.B.s but I honestly don't understand all these ministerial things.

I will attempt to clear, or we will, as soon as I get some qualified person of the—

The situation is that, as I understand it, the Commission on the Ministry and probably for very good reasons, would like to anticipate what their report to the General Conference of '68 is going to be and get through these constitutional amendments at this point.

To my legal, one-horse mind, it seems we're getting the cart a little before the horse, we're asking for constitutional amendments when our own General Conference hasn't yet seen the report of the Commission, the quadrennial Commission on the Ministry, and whether they'll have better luck than the old Commission had with their report remains to be seen when it hits the floor.

I am perfectly willing, if the General Conference wants us, to try to clear this with our other brothers across the hall and still get you something you can vote on late tonight. We will try to do it but they haven't seen this yet.

Mr. Nichols: Bishop, I think my concern is not simply with relationship to this point, but I think this General Conference needs to realize we're talking very leisurely about items and this is Thursday afternoon.

We have set an agenda for Friday morning, to take a vote.

Now, my question to this Committee, seeing the amount of material that we've got to go through, are we considering the crucial, vital matters or are we going to get to a point sometime tonight and start skipping through everything hastily, even other important matters that are not now before us, and my concern is, are we going to be ready at the rate we're going, or what is our plan?

Statement of Urgency on Constitutional Matters—Dale Hagler

Dale Hagler (Florida—SE): I'd like to make a brief statement concerning the vital urgency of dealing with a constitutional matter now that involves a problem of basic justice—involved in the proposed Union of these two Churches, and now is the time to do it. I do not believe the grace of God is distributed denominationally or academically, but there is a grave problem in The Methodist Church, unification or no, of these two bodies concerning the status of approved supply pastors.

If the Union takes place, we will be receiving into The Methodist Church as full members, into The United Church as full members, and rightfully so, in my opinion, members whose educational standards do not in many cases equal those of our approved supplies. And there is a vast feeling of unrest on this problem.

We cannot, in bringing these two bodies together, be retroactive, to be sure; but we can partially correct this by allowing approved supplies an associate membership status. However, to do this requires an amendment to the Constitution now or a recommendation for a change, in referral to the Ad Hoc Committee, or however it is to be done.

If it is not handled constitutionally, the Constitution is frozen, and it will be 1972 before we can take up this matter; and then it will have to be handed down to the annual conferences.

In fairness to a vast body of dedicated men on whom The Methodist Church must rely, I hope we will do this simple thing and I believe

anyone with the skill of our distinguished secretary of Ad Hoc Committee can explain our position to the other Church and it can go through very easily when they understand the situation.

Amendment to Paragraph 36 Proposed and Adopted—G. Ross Freeman

G. Ross Freeman (South Georgia—SE): I would like to move an amendment to Paragraph 36, Article III by adding at the end of the first sentence of that Paragraph and Article the words: "at the session preceding the General Conference" so that the sentence will read: "The Annual Conference shall elect ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conferences in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V at the session preceding the General Conference."

Bishop Moore: Is there a second?

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Bishop Moore: It is seconded.

Mr. Freeman: The reason for this, Mr. Chairman, is that these words are included in our present *Discipline*. It does give a specific time for the election of these important delegates and I am afraid that if we omit it from this new Constitution, it will leave us in jeopardy at this point.

This amendment was put to vote and was adopted. (DCA, page 938; see Appendix, page 3016.)

Amendment Proposed on Paragraph 39—Paul M. Ward

Paul M. Ward (Northeast Ohio—NC): The motion is this: To substitute eight years for twelve in that first sentence. Instead of reading "for a period of twelve years," it would read, "a period of eight years."

Bishop Moore: Is there a second?

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Bishop Moore: It is seconded. You may proceed, sir.

Mr. Ward: Some of us can remember back to the time of the union of the Church of the Methodist Protestant, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Episcopal Church.

I, for one, lived in a community in which we were highly privileged to have three of these churches in a small town of 1,000 persons. Now you can imagine what would have happened in that community if the delegates and the persons returning from the General Conference came back with this directive saying that it would be a period of twelve years which, if we adopt this 12-year period, it really means 14 years plus. And to some answers that were made yesterday, it could really mean 16 years.

Really I believe where the action really is, is in the local church and this action will have a great deal to do with the superintendents—the district superintendents, the administrative officers, and so forth, in approaching these questions as they concern the church in local communities where the action really is.

Speaks Against Amendment—John H. Rixse, Jr.

John H. Rixse, Jr. (Virginia—SE): I think last night we had a fair crack at making this kind of a change on my motion. It was aimed at this, and all other sections dealing with the 12-year provision.

I think in all fairness to a decision then, and to our dealings with the E.U.B. brethren, we ought to let it stand the way we have it and negotiate on that basis. I am against the amendment.

Speaks in Favor of Amendment—W. Jene Miller

W. Jene Miller (Oklahoma—SC): In favor of the amendment. We have spent considerable time talking about the foolishness in the Church of special membership. Whether favorably or unfavorably, a specialized category of Christians just does not ring true.

I think this would be equally true of the Union between these two great denominations, if the Methodists were to come in as second-class members.

Secondly, the COCU debates could make this entire consideration obsolete in twelve years, but in eight years we could effect a Union of our two interests so that we could more effectively create a contribution to COCU. Thank you.

Previous Question Moved—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC) moved the previous question and it was voted.

Closing Statement—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Just to remind ourselves of the ground rules, the Plan as presented stands unless it is amended by vote of both houses. We have a procedure that either house can raise an issue and request that it be reconsidered. If so, it goes to this joint Liaison Committee, and then will be reported back to the floor.

Now with every one of these we have the right to ask for reconsideration of any item. Actually across the hall they are asking us for reconsideration of a lot of items. I have only one that was cleared at a very hasty luncheon meeting today and I will give you an example of it as soon as the time rolls around, and you let me do it.

I do not believe that we can hold the E.U.B.s to the concessions they have made, and then begin to redraw the points we have made. Actually, I see no particular difficulty in this section as it now stands. Paragraph 39 says that for a period of 12 years they cannot have their boundaries changed without their consent. This does not freeze them for 12 years. And everybody expects this is going to take place a lot sooner than 12 years. Twelve years is a deadline. And if some E.U.B. Annual Conference has not merged itself, worked it out at the end of 12 years, then there comes a crackdown.

This is merely permissive, and I am just a little reluctant to ask them now to reconsider this permissive from 12 to 8.

Amendment Defeated

The amendment was voted upon and was lost.

Section VII, Paragraphs 34-39, Inclusive, Adopted

Section VII. Annual Conferences, Paragraphs 34-39, inclusive, as amended were adopted. (DCA, page 940; see Appendix, page 3017.)

(Editor's Note: In a later session, certain changes from the original Ad Hoc Committee report which the Conference made in Section VII on Annual Conferences were nullified on the basis that such changes required the approval of the E.U.B. Conference which that Conference did not give. For the full text on what was finally approved, see Appendix, page 3017.)

Paragraph 34 Reconsidered—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Mr. Chairman, would it be helpful at this point to have an illustration of the kind of thing that is coming back, because the E.U.B.s have asked us to reconsider an item in Paragraph 34, and therefore to test out the question?

I move, for the purpose of receiving this request from the E.U.B. group, that we reconsider Paragraph 34. Is there a second?

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Bishop Moore: It is before you. As many as will favor, make it known by uplifted hand. Those opposed? It is done. It is open.

Mr. Parlin: This provides the definition of who composes the Annual Conference. The text, as it reads, says:

"The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the traveling preachers in full connection with it, together with a lay member elected by each charge, the Conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Conference lay leader." We are asked to add after "The president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service" the term, "The Conference president of Methodist Men," so it would add after "the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference president of Methodist Men and the Conference lay leader."

If I have a second—

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Bishop Moore: It is seconded. It is before you.

Mr. Parlin: Your Liaison Committee, having discussed this with the E.U.B.s, brings to you the recommendation that we accede to their request. The reason is this: The E.U.B.s have a much more thoroughly organized men's work than we have, and one of the things which perhaps they are bringing to us is a vitalization of this movement of Methodist Men. There are some very strong people in the E.U.B. that are promoting that.

The president of the Methodist Men—Conference president of Methodist Men in the E.U.B. is a member of the Annual Conference.

Well, somebody said this throws the thing out of balance. We thought maybe it didn't. The president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is, of course, a woman. The president of Methodist Men would presumably be a male. But the Conference lay leader is not always a man. There are many women that are Conference lay leaders, so we felt that this was fair, and therefore your Liaison Committee brings back to you the recommendation that we accept this request from the E.U.B. for this amendment.

We are going to have much more difficult ones tonight. This one we thought was all right.

Questions for Clarification Answered

Several delegates asked questions for clarification, which were answered by Mr. Parlin.

Previous Question Moved—Irving L. Smith

Irving L. Smith (Oklahoma—SC) moved the previous question and it was ordered.

Paragraph 34 as Amended, Adopted

Paragraph 34 as amended was adopted. (DCA, page 941; see Appendix, page 3015.)

Report of Committee of Chairmen—Willis M. Tate

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC): We were asked how we were doing? We have a long way to go, particularly if we are going to take this evening to discuss the recommendations from the E.U.B.

Legislation. We have four of the legislative committees that have reports dealing with the Constitution. I think they will go rapidly. I believe we are over the sensitive ones. If you will bear with us and see how much work we can do, this is a—there is an indication we might have to adjourn early.

If we do, we are going to have to work very late at night and maybe all night, so I bear with you—I ask you to bear with us, rather, to keep the trips to the microphone to a minimum. In my spare time I figure costs. Well, you can figure it yourselves at about one hundred thousand dollars a day—how much a trip costs to that microphone, so if you will stay with us and see how much we can do in the next hour.

We will now call on the Committee for Publishing Interests. (DCA, page 941; see Appendix, page 2916.)

Report of Committee on Publishing Interests—Carl J. Sanders

Carl J. Sanders (Virginia—SE): If you will turn, please, in your document to page 10, Paragraph 18, Article V. This is the only matter that was presented to the Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests. It is one of the restrictive rules of The Methodist Church.

“The General Conference shall not appropriate the net income of the publishing houses, the book concerns, or the chartered fund to any purpose other than that for the benefit of retired or disabled preachers, their wives, widows and children, or other beneficiaries of the ministerial pension systems.”

We move its adoption.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Paragraph 18, Article V was adopted. (DCA, page 941; see Appendix, pages 2988, 3011.)

Report of Committee on Judicial Administration—Lyle H. Truax

Lyle H. Truax (Pacific Northwest—W): Would you kindly turn to page 10, Section 16, Article III? The Committee requests your concurrence with this. There is really nothing here that should bother anybody.

Paragraph 16 was adopted. (DCA, page 941; see Appendix, pages 2995, 3011.)

Mr. Truax: If you turn to page 17, Division Four. Now on Article IV, Paragraph 61, is the only real change that has been added to the Constitution. The rest is just exactly as we have been using for years and Article IV is nothing new, except just reaffirms the right of our judiciary system in our Church. So again I think that this is not a very controversial matter. So I move its approval.

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Division Four was adopted. (DCA, page 942; see Appendix, pages 2995, 3022.)

Report of Committee on the Local Church—Merlyn Northfelt

Merlyn Northfelt (Rock River—NC): Paragraphs 46 and 47 on page 15 were referred to the Committee on the Local Church. The Committee unanimously concurs that these should be adopted as now printed in the Plan of Union. We so move.

Motion duly seconded from floor.

Paragraphs 46 and 47 were adopted. (DCA, page 942; see Appendix, pages 2997, 3018.)

Report of Committee on Interdenominational Relations—Wilson Weldon

Wilson Weldon (Western North Carolina—SE): Mr. Chairman and brethren, if you will turn in your *Daily Christian Advocate* to page 751, in the first column, page 751, you will find the material there to which our motion relates, that is under Article V, Ecumenical Relations. Our report is on page 831 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. While you are turning to that, I may simply say that we recommend this statement as you have it on page 751, except for the deletion of three words in line 5 where it is "everywhere" and "strive toward," so that the rest of it would read as follows:

"As a part of the Church Universal, The United Methodist Church believes that the Lord of the Church is calling Christians to unity and therefore it will seek, and work for, unity at all levels of church life;" and then the rest of it is the same as you find in the original recommendation.

Your Legislative Committee does not want to evoke a lot of discussion on just three words. However, we felt that the deletion of these words would clarify because what those words say are said very definitely later on. And so we make this recommendation of this adoption.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Substitution Proposed to Article V—Albert C. Outler

Albert C. Outler (North Texas—NC): I am mindful of the difficulties of time and expense and yet I would like, if allowed, to offer an amendment for this entire section. May I do so?

I should like in place of the section as it now reads, or even as it has been revised by the Legislative Committee, to offer the following form of words:

"As part of the Church Universal The United Methodist Church believes that Christ calls all Christians to receive and manifest his gift of unity and order to a more effective mission and service of his Church. It will therefore seek and work for larger unity in faith and order at all levels of church life in responsible consultation and negotiation with all other interested churches, both Methodist and others."

If I have a second, I will speak to this very briefly.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Bishop Moore: It has been seconded.

Mr. Outler: This is not a basic change in substance or intent, and yet it is rather important to some of us in the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, including the executive secretary of that Commission, who were not able to present our point of view to the Legislative Committee. The advantages of this substitute form of words are as follows, at least:

It is shorter and this is important in constitutional drafting.

It is somewhat more carefully nuanced and this will be important in interpreting our commitment ecumenically, both to our own people and to our separated brethren in London, Geneva, Rome and elsewhere.

It is somewhat stronger in its references to faith and order, consultation and negotiation. It does not try to distinguish invidiously between Methodists and others to whom we are willing to turn for ecumenical dialogue and negotiation, and it looks more directly to concrete issues before us such as the decision we must make in 1968 with respect to COCU.

I would very much hope the Conference would be willing to take this form of words in place of the one presented by the Legislative Committee.

Speaks in Favor of Substitution—Lee Moorehead

Lee Moorehead (Ohio—NC): I just want to briefly support this motion for this substitution because it seems to me this is a much more effective and penetrating kind of a statement for us to make at this particular time. Because after this General Conference, if we commit ourselves to Union with the E.U.B.s, I think the rest of the ecumenical world is going to be looking to The Methodist Church to see if we have suffered, as some say we may, from ecumenical exhaustion by this one act.

I think this is much more to the point. It states it in ecumenical terms whereas that in the printed report seems to be a kind of Methodist love song which perhaps doesn't take into consideration our large ecumenical commitments. I wholeheartedly support this and hope that this Conference will do the same.

Closing Statements

Charles C. Parlin: I like both statements. I was the draftsman of neither. The one that appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 751, was drafted by a Commission which included the deans of two Methodist theological schools, and I hate to get caught in the debate here between theologians. I see no objection to—therefore I'm not going to state a preference. I see no objection to the one just read by *Dr. Outler* except one, and that is to the E.U.B.s, the clause which says that we are going to continue world relationships with United Churches related to The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church throughout the world.

Now they have gone into United Churches. There are small groups of E.U.B.s in, I think, something like ten or a dozen countries. And

they want to be very certain both from the standpoint of themselves and these United Churches in which they have gone that The United Methodist Church will continue the obligations they had.

So if you can incorporate that idea somehow in this statement and make it clear, I would be perfectly willing, if the group likes this statement better than the ones in the book, to go back to the E.U.B.s. But I think they would like that very much.

Albert C. Outler: Mr. Chairman, it would seem to me this is precisely what is had in mind in the statement, that we will seek and work for larger unity in faith and order at all levels of church life, in responsible consultation and negotiation with all other interested churches. And this would include churches in which we are presently related by one degree of union—or of union negotiation—or another.

It is particularly important because we should not like to specify in detail in the Constitution the various levels and stages of present ecumenical progress, that we should like to have this statement substituted.

Now with respect to the question of the rival composition of these two statements. This is beside the point, sir, because there is no rivalry here, no pride in authorship. The point is that the executive secretary of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs of The Methodist Church and *Dean Cushman* and myself and several others were concerned about this. We drafted this statement. The Legislative Committee was not prepared to review it afterwards. We had no chance to present it in advance, and this is another instance, you see, of not being able to get consultation done before a question comes to the floor of this General Conference, where it then has to be discussed on the basis of questions that are not altogether germane.

The main advantage of this one, as I said, it is shorter, it is rather more carefully articulated in the language that will be understood both by our Methodist and I think our E.U.B. friends, and other Christians around the world.

Charles C. Parlin: May we just press my point a little further, the statement now brought in refers to "seek and work for larger unity in faith and order at all levels of church life" in some kind of negotiations—I can't read the words—"in responsible consultation and negotiation with all other"—that is left out of my copy here, "with all other interested churches."

Now this goes not to negotiations but contacts—continuing contacts. Let me give you an example of what the E.U.B.s are worried about.

In the Philippines we have a very strong vocal Central Conference. There is in the Philippines also the United Church of the Philippines.

We did not go into that church and the E.U.B.s did. And they have certain continuing obligations to that United Church. And they want to make sure that we, the United Church, respects and continues that. And I would like to have it so clear that the E.U.B.s will not feel that we are limiting our ecumenical activity to union negotiations, but that we are going to keep fellowship with these United Churches around the world into which they have gone, and we have similar ones in Japan and Korea and various other places.

Substitute Statement Adopted

The substitute motion was adopted. The substitute as the main motion was adopted.

(Editor's Note: This action was nullified in a later session on the basis that any change in the Ad Hoc Committee report requires approval of the E.U.B. Conference, and that Conference did not approve the change. For a complete

statement of the text which was finally adopted, DCA, page 943; see Appendix, pages 2992, 3008.)

Report of Committee of Chairmen—Willis M. Tate

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—NC): Mr. Chairman, I'm glad to report to you we have completed the work on the Constitution.

I understand we will have the work to do over tonight, but at least we have completed our share of it. You will notice the Petitions that come through the Legislative Committee. Some of them have to do with the Plan of Union relating to organization and administration. The committees have been told that they need not complete final action on these recommendations that are found in the Plan of Union, they can be adopted in principle, but held open for negotiation and for discussion because they will come for final approval in 1968.

And you will find most of the Legislative Committees adopting or approving the Plan of Union or the new *Discipline* in principle, pointing up certain paragraphs that need special attention, but not asking for definitive action on the part of this General Conference.

We have decided—the Committee of Chairmen have decided to take these in the order in which they are printed, and if you are ready to go to work now, I think we can make a lot of progress.

We will call on *Dr. Bosley* for Committee No. 1, the Committee on Christian Social Concerns. (DCA, page 943; see Appendix, page 2916.)

Committee on Christian Social Concerns Report No. 3— Harold Bosley—Presented and Adopted

Harold Bosley (New York—NE): Mr. Chairman, the Chairman of our Committee on Committees has given me the right to complete our work which you will find listed in the Petitions in the bottom of page 757 and at the top of page 758 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

The report, No. 3, deals with two of these Petitions, the one which had to do with the creation of a Joint Commission on—beg your pardon—we recommend the creation by the Joint Commission on Union of a special joint committee to write a revised social creed to be considered for adoption in 1968.

This was adopted by the same majority—65 in favor of it and one opposed to it.

I think it will not be necessary, unless the body should desire it, for me to comment on the nature of the discussion that went into the report.

Motion duly seconded from floor.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 943; see Appendix, page 2950.)

Christian Social Concerns—Nonconcurrence Reports Adopted

Harold Bosley (New York—NE): I call your attention next to all of the rest of the Petitions that were given to us, Numbers 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28. It was the unanimous vote of nonconcurrence on them all. I give that to you for your adoption.

Motion duly seconded from floor.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 943; see Appendix, page 2950.)

Committee on Conferences Reports—D. Trigg James

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE): In the *Daily Advocate*, first Section, page 757, B-2 Plan of Union, 501-582, referred by the Ad Hoc Committee. The Conference Committee did not have time to consider this in detail and therefore recommend it be referred to the Committee for its continuous study.

Motion duly seconded from floor.

This report of referral was adopted. (DCA, page 943; see Appendix, page 2955.)

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE): Please, if you will refer in the *Daily Advocate*, on page 832, we have the report on financial matters in Section III of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations report which is found also beginning on page 770 of the *Daily Advocate*.

I would like to simply read the recommendations and then ask Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Slutz to add the words of interpretation that are needed for intelligent vote upon this. It is No. 14 on page 832:

"The Committee approved the Section entitled 'III Financial Report and Recommendations' of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations which begins on page 770 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and ends on page 773 with the following amendments:

"1. In the first column on page 771 at the end of the first full paragraph add the following:

I shall wait until you locate the place. You see the words here in this Item 14. "We wish to make it clear we are not suggesting that a \$40.00 pension rate or any other rate should be the maximum paid by a merged conference for past service in the Central Jurisdiction. We are only fixing that level as the portion of such pension which may be considered in the distribution of temporary general aid fund assistance to conferences hereafter merged."

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Bishop Moore: It is before you.

Mr. James: Just a minute. No. 2, at the top of the third column.

We recommend:

"2. The 'Alternate Pension Rate' of \$40.00 set forth in the second column on page 772. This was adopted."

We recommend:

"3. Amend 'B. Part 2—Pension Assistance,' page 772 of *Daily Christian Advocate* by deleting from lines 2 and 3 the words, 'has heretofore committed itself to' and from line 5 the words 'continue to,' and in line 3 by deleting the word 'pay' and substituting therefore the word 'pays.'"

I think I can read it now as it has been changed. This is Part 2 of B.

"Pension Assistance. A successor or merged Annual Conference formed as a result of transfers from the Central Jurisdiction which pays pensions for prior service in that Jurisdiction at a rate in excess of \$40.00 per year shall be eligible for special 'hardship' assistance for pension purposes from the Temporary General Aid Fund set up for this purpose . . ." Those are the changes at that point.

Section entitled "Salary Aid" would modify Report 11 of Council on World Service and Finance to the 1964 General Conference as set forth on page 407 which copy you do not have, of course, of the 1964 *Daily Christian Advocate*, as indicated in the recommended legislation page 773, the 1966 *Daily Christian Advocate*.

I shall now ask Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Slutz to make such interpretation as is needed.

Explanation Given—George H. Atkinson

George H. Atkinson (California-Nevada—W): As has been indicated, these changes are on page 772 and 773, and the first thing that was voted at the conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and later the conferences into which they merged. It was voted by the '64 Conference. The plan has been working quite well, but there are changes which should be made.

The first thing which the Committee on Conferences did was to adopt a new suggested pension rate of \$40.00. We are asking for your approval on that. The original plan was \$35.00 to which the General Conference would help the Central Jurisdiction Conferences, and the ones into which they merged to help them up to the extent of 75 percent of that amount. Now the Commission simply put it in as an alternative matter. The Committee on Conferences has adopted the \$40.00 rate. In effect that would help not only the existing Central Jurisdictional Conferences, but it would help the ones into which they merged because where these conferences have higher rates, this would get the rate, this would get the \$40.00 level to which general church assistance would be available to them in a larger amount. So if every place through this whole report where it says \$35.00 you substitute \$40.00, that is the first main change. And as far as the pension equalization which is part B-1, the rules are the same, except that we are suggesting and proposing that the help from the General Conference be stretched out.

The original 75 percent from the General Conference, 25 percent from the Conference has not been changed. But it was scaling down too rapidly and the conferences were not able to accept the additional load so fast. This is on the new basis of 75 percent for this year, 70 percent the next year, 65 percent on down, 5 percent a year until it runs out in 1981.

Then in addition one other new proposition was put in which is a deductible from any benefits due to any Conference at the rate of ten cents per member per year for the whole Conference membership.

Now that sounds complicated, but it operates something like a deductible on your automobile insurance; and this is simply a means of separating the Conferences which really need help from those that are not affected very much. So if your Conference had 100,000 members, at the ten-cent rate that would be \$10,000.00 a year. So if under the other formulas your Conference had \$8,000.00 coming you would get nothing. If it had \$28,000.00 coming, it would still get \$18,000.00. These are our proposals as far as pension aid. The \$40.00 takes the place of the old \$35.00.

Now then, the second part of this, the part that has been amended, part B-2, had to do with a hardship fund. That came in a motion from the floor on the 1964 General Conference, and the people who made it, happened to be the Peninsular Conference, pointed out that where the Conferences merge with Central Jurisdiction Conferences, where an immense, heavy load comes in at once, that it would be very difficult on their pension situation, so there is an existing appropriation of \$100,000.00 per year to take care of those and it has been working.

Now the amendment that was made by the Committee on Conferences was that it would not only apply to those who have already merged, but would apply to future conferences as well, so that is the amendment as to future mergers that has been read. The salary aid was voted last time, and not too many guide rules were set up.

At the request of the Division of National Missions we tried to work

on some guide rules and you will see they are detailed in the first column on page 773. And in effect they say that the General Conference through this temporary general aid fund will accept its share, which the first year is up to 75 percent. Then it continues to decline, with a minimum salary of \$3,600.00. This is an increase over what it was before, of up to \$3,600.00. And the General Conference through the Temporary General Aid Fund would take up to 75 percent of that. But subject to these provisos. And as you see, they say that the man has to be fulltime. He has to already be earning at least \$1,500.00.

These particular suggestions came from the Division of National Missions. He has—let me look at my notes here. We will only assist up to the first \$1,200.00 of his assistance. In other words, the first year would be \$900.00, would be as much as the Temporary General Aid Fund could be called on.

The second year it would be only 70 percent of the \$1,200.00 which would be \$840.00, and so forth. So that scales down. Then it can only go to assist churches where there has been an every-member canvass and where the district superintendent certifies that they cannot conveniently combine with some other church. Then on this salary aid provision there is a three-cent per Conference member deduction.

And here again we found by setting this rate at three cents, that the conferences who only were paying that \$1,200.00, \$1,800-2,000 more will not get anything; but those who are paying \$20,000, \$30,000 more will get help. It is a means of conserving money.

I think the motion was made that this should be accepted. We will be glad to answer questions. Just one second. But as far as the appropriations now, that of course you want to know just which of these various figures here you are paying for.

The increase in the basic pension rate to which we give assistance from \$35.00 to \$40.00 will cost an additional \$50,000 a year for the last year of this quadrennium, so that the first three years, including this present year would stay at \$240,000.00. The third year would require—the fourth year, rather, \$290,000.00 so that is an increase of \$50,000.

The hardship fund would require no additional appropriation, but we should tell you that because of the amendment that has been made, that it would require probably \$250,000 or \$300,000 per year commencing in the next quadrennium.

The salary aid for the fourth year of this existing quadrennium would require an increase of from \$160,000 to \$290,000. So there is an increase for the fourth year of this quadrennium of \$130,000 for salary aid, and \$50,000 for pension aid or \$180,000 altogether.

It is our understanding that the Council on World Service and Finance is prepared to state how they would get that money. This was referred to us and then jointly considered so that we are ready to report on the text. But the money will come from them.

Amendment Proposed and Accepted—John H. Graham

John H. Graham (Upper Mississippi—C): Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to make to the report. On page 773, the 4th paragraph, the 8th line—

Bishop Moore: What column?

Mr. Graham: The first column, where it states: "However, in striving for this goal, these Conferences shall still provide 25% of the assistance."

I would like to add: "However, in striving for this goal, these Conferences and/or charges receiving temporary general aid shall provide 25% of said assistance."

If I get a second, I'd like to speak to that.

The Committee accepted the amendment to the report.

Information Requested Concerning Financing

A question was asked concerning the cost of the proposed program which had been referred to the Council on World Service and Finance. The reply was given by *G. Lemuel Fenn* (New Mexico—SC) :

G. Lemuel Fenn (New Mexico—SC) : As has been stated, if all of this is passed, it would require \$180,000 more money the last year of this quadrennium. It is the plan of the Council on World Service and Finance to add that \$180,000 to the Temporary General Aid Fund apportionments apportioned to the Annual Conferences. If you want a method of quick calculation as to how much this would mean to each Annual Conference, while it is not related at all to the World Service asking of 18 million dollars, not related at all, a quick way of finding out how much each Annual Conference would be apportioned, take one per cent of what you are now paying to World Service, and you would have approximately the figure that you would be asked for to increase the Temporary General Aid Fund \$180,000 for the last year of this quadrennium.

Whatever the program requires in the future, that would be up to the next General Conference; and the action of the Council on World Service and Finance. That is the information I wish to give, Mr. Chairman.

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE) : I move the report No. 14 from the Committee on Conferences be adopted.

The motion was seconded and was adopted. (DCA, page 945; see Appendix, page 2951.)

Motion to Adopt Section III, Report of Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC) : Mr. Chairman, the matter you just had before you came from the Committee on Conferences. Those were amendments that they recommended to the financial report and recommendations of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations as set forth on page 770 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

I, therefore, now move adoption of the Section III, Financial Report and Recommendations, as you have just amended it.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Section III of the Report of Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations was then adopted. (DCA, page 945; see Appendix, page 3060.)

Report No. 15—Committee on Conferences—D. Trigg James

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE) : Mr. Chairman, I would like to refer to report No. 15, page 832, of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, which is a recommended addition to the *Discipline*, and I shall read it. It will be adding a point 5 under paragraph 523 of the *Discipline* which if you have it present before you, would be on page 189 of the *Discipline*. This is the addition recommended:

“A. Provided the transfer of all Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction to the Regional Jurisdictions and the dissolution of the Central

Jurisdiction under Amendment IX has been determined by the requisite vote of the Annual Conferences of the Jurisdictions of the Central Jurisdictional Conference in a special session shall be authorized to fill any vacancies in the College of Bishops of that Jurisdiction. I will ask Mr. Slutz to interpret this for the body.

Report Explained—Leonard Slutz

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): When we presented the Report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations yesterday, I told you that recent developments had made it seem possible to advance the expected date for the dissolution of the Central Jurisdiction from 1968 to 1967. And so the resolution that you adopted does call for the transfer of all of the remaining Conferences of that Jurisdiction in 1967, and for its dissolution upon the close of the special session in that year.

And then, we were faced with the fact that there is a vacancy in the College of Bishops. If they dissolve in 1967, instead of 1968, that vacancy could not be filled by that Jurisdiction.

Fortunately the Committee on Conferences hunted around and found a petition before it that related to the subject, and therefore, brings to you this recommendation, which is that, if the Central Jurisdiction is being dissolved, if it has voted to transfer and the transfer has been approved by the necessary votes so that there is a special session to wind up the affairs of the Central Jurisdiction prior to the regular session, that that special session may fill any vacancy in the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction.

Report No. 15 Adopted

The report was put to vote and was adopted. (DCA, page 945; see Appendix, page 2952.)

Nonconcurrence Reports—Committee on Conferences, Adopted—D. Trigg James

D. Trigg James (Holston—SE): Reports 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. We recommend nonconcurrence, as the material in these Petitions has been handled in other ways, and I have already reported on 22.

I recommend concurrence in the Committee's recommendation.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted. (DCA, page 946; see Appendix, pages 2954, 2955.)

Committee on Education Report No. 1 Presented and Adopted—D. Frederick Wertz

D. Frederick Wertz (Central Pennsylvania—NE): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference, the reports from the Committee on Education are found on pages 834 and 835 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Report No. 1 indicates that the Committee on Education had referred to it that section of Part 4 of the Plan of Union, paragraphs 1075 to 1191.

The Committee recommends concurrence, with the exception of paragraphs 1105, 1109.1 and 1153, which I shall deal with subsequently.

The recommendation is for concurrence.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 946; see Appendix, page 2956.)

Report No. 2 Presented and Adopted

D. Frederick Wertz: Report No. 2 deals with paragraph 1105. It's a question of rewriting the definition of The United Methodist Church ministry in ecumenical terms.

The recommendation is for referral to the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B. Union for study and perfection.

Motion to refer was adopted. (DCA, page 946; see Appendix, page 2956.)

Report No. 3 Presented and Adopted

D. Frederick Wertz: Report No. 3 deals with paragraph 1109.1, having to do with the University Christian Movement. It also is meant to write it in ecumenical terms.

The recommendation is for reference to the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B. Union for study and perfection.

Report No. 3 was referred as proposed. (DCA, page 946; see Appendix, page 2957.)

Report No. 4 Presented and Adopted

D. Frederick Wertz: Report No. 4 has to do with Paragraph 1153. The question here is the title of the Division of Curriculum. There is an alternate proposal that this division shall be called the Editorial Division, or the Division on Curriculum Resources.

The recommendation is for referral to the Ad Hoc Committee on the E.U.B. Union for study and perfection.

Report No. 4 was referred as proposed. (DCA, page 946; see Appendix, page 2958.)

Report No. 5 Presented and Adopted

D. Frederick Wertz: Report No. 5 has to do with paragraph 897 in the Plan of Union, but it's a question relative to publishing interests, and therefore, the motion is for referral to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Report No. 5 was referred as proposed. DCA, page 946; see Appendix, page 2959.)

Report No. 6 Presented and Adopted

D. Frederick Wertz: Report No. 6 has to do with Petition No. 62. That Petition is found on page 758 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. It's a question of representation for the Commission on Worship on the Interboard Council.

The motion is for reference to the Interboard Commission on the Local Church, for study and perfection.

Report No. 6 was referred as proposed. (DCA, page 946; see Appendix, page 2959.)

Report No. 7 Presented and Adopted

D. Frederick Wertz: Report No. 7 has to do with Petition No. 63, relative to composition of the Curriculum Committee of the Board of

Education, with special reference to representation from the Commission on Worship.

The recommendation of the Committee is for referral to the General Board of Education, with special reference to representation from the Commission on Worship.

The recommendation of the Committee is for referral to the General Board of Education for study and perfection.

The report was referred to the Board of Education. (DCA, page 946; see Appendix, page 2960.)

Report No. 8—Nonconcurrency Recommended

D. Frederick Wertz: Report No. 8 has to do with Petition No. 64, relative to the God and Country Award. It calls for the fashioning of a special medal in the Wesleyan tradition.

The Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

The recommendation of the Committee was approved. (DCA, page 946; see Appendix, page 2960.)

Agenda Committee Moves to Adjourn—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, when you adopted your agenda for the afternoon, I indicated to you that there may be another hour set for the time of adjournment.

In order to give this Committee, the Liaison Committee that is working with the E.U.B. Church, time to do their work and get back for an evening session, your Agenda Committee moves that we adjourn after the announcements which will be approximately 4:30 this afternoon.

The motion was adopted.

Report from Judicial Council—Paul R. Ervin

Paul R. Ervin, President of Judicial Council (Western North Carolina—SE): Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Conference, yesterday, this Conference referred to the Judicial Council a question arising out of Article IV of the document which is before you, asking whether or not Article IV makes possible for such period following Union as the law of the church may otherwise provide for the elimination of Annual Conferences formerly of the Central Jurisdiction:

One, whether the continuation of overlapping Annual Conferences, even though the membership of one may be predominantly or even exclusively Negro, and the other predominantly or even exclusively of another race or races.

And, two, the rearranging of Annual Conferences formerly of the Central Jurisdiction by mergers or by the dividing of such Annual Conferences into the new districts, even though at the time of such rearrangement the membership of such Annual Conferences is predominantly or even exclusively Negro and their boundaries overlap Annual Conferences where the membership is predominantly, or even exclusively of another race or races.

These were the questions which were propounded by you to the Judicial Council.

The Council, by a unanimous vote, has answered both of these questions. The complete opinion, which is several pages in length, will appear in the next edition of your *Daily Christian Advocate*.

I am going to ask Dr. Leon Hickman if he will give you the synopsis of the decision of the Council, which I am sure, for your purposes, will be all that you need, and does save some time.

Mr. Leon Hickman.

Leon M. Hickman (Western Pennsylvania—NE): The summary of the unanimous decision of the Council is as follows:

"Article IV of Division 1 of the proposed new Constitution is a broad interdiction of any racially structured unit within the new church; but during a transitional period, Article IV of Division 1 of the Proposed Constitution is to be construed in harmony with the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

"The Plan of Union is a transitional constitutional enactment designed to enable the Uniting Churches to move from their present positions to those mandated by the Constitution of the new Church.

"During this transitional period, Article IV of the new Constitution is not to be read so as to forbid the continued existence of Annual Conferences, the membership of which may be predominantly or even exclusively racial in character." (DCA, page 947.)

Adjournment

Bishop Moore: I do want to express my sincere appreciation to the assembly, to the Conference, for the marvelous way that you have received us as we have presided over your proceedings. And I want to express my sincere thanks to our secretary of the Council of Bishops and to my very dear friend with whom we have summered and wintered through the years.

I would like to tell you about our experience some years ago in New York City. Every summer we worked together, and we discussed theology and philosophy. Little did we ever think we would be thrown together as we have been thrown together in these years. Bishop Prince Albert Taylor, who is my supporter, and he is a Prince.

We are asking Bishop Charles Brashares, who has kindly consented to do so, to dismiss us with a prayer.

Bishop Brashares.

Bishop Charles W. Brashares: Our Father, God, we thank Thee for Thy presence, as we have met, a worldwide fellowship, in Thy service. As we now turn from labor to refreshment, we pray that Thou will not dismiss us, but go with us, that Thy spirit may guide us in public speech and in private conversation to the glory of Thy Kingdom, and we shall give Thee thanks. Amen.

THIRD DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1966

EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Presiding

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference was convened for its evening session on the third day, Thursday, November 10, 1966 at 7:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, of the Los Angeles Area, presiding.

The Hymn "God of Love and God of Power" was sung. (DCA, page 947; see Appendix, page 2915.)

Bishop Kennedy led in prayer: Direct us, O Lord, this evening. Give us patience and kindness. Make us worthy of our heritage and give us vision for tomorrow.

Bless our families and our churches through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Matter of Courtesy

William Beal (Press Representative): Mr. Chairman, the General Conference will doubtless express their thanks to the secular press for its full coverage of this special General Conference.

Around the clock, we have written and wired to our papers what we consider important features of the Session. We sincerely regret election news may have forced our releases into less prominent space than otherwise are accorded conference session reports.

This is a thank you from members of the press to the Methodist Information staff. We have been served in extraordinary fashion. A simple request from us was an order for quick and efficient compliance. No detail was omitted to make our work easier.

In fact, our bodily comforts have not been overlooked. Rolls and coffee have been here for us each day.

We wish, in this way, to make our sincere thanks to Director Arthur West and his staff of Methodist Information.

Matter of Privilege

Seth W. Granberry (Mississippi—SE): I move this Conference send greetings to B. M. Stevens, a layman of our delegation, who is ill and who was a member of the Uniting Conference and has been at every General Conference since.

The motion was adopted.

Committee of Chairmen Resumes Business—Willis M. Tate

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC): We will call on the Committee on Lay Activities. Chairman Patten will give the report. (DCA, page 947; see Appendix, page 2916.)

Report of Committee on Lay Activities—William C. Patten

William C. Patten (New Mexico—SC): Mr. Chairman, the Com-

mittee report on Petition B-4, found on page 757 of the November 8 issue of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Column 1, dealing with specific paragraphs, will be presented by Committeeman Roy J. Grogan, Central Texas Conference.

Roy J. Grogan (Central Texas—SC): Bishop Kennedy and members of the Conference, this report is found on page 757, column 1, under Organization and Administration, B-4.

The Petition has to do, as you will see, with Section 701 through 724 of the Plan of Union, which has to do with administrative order of The United Church; Section 751 through 840, which deals with World Service and Finance; Sections 1061 through 1065, which has to do with the Committee on Overseas Relief; Section 1251 through 1323, which deals with the Board of Laity; Section 1462 through 1483, which has to do with the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; Section 1601 through 1654, which has to do with church property of the General Church, Jurisdictional Conference, Annual Conference and local.

The Committee has recommended referral because of the gravity of these matters, which were before us, because of the shortage of time with which intelligent consideration might have been given to these important matters. And, therefore, we recommend referral back to the Ad Hoc Committee, as the same is constituted or may be constituted by this General Conference for further consideration and revision, but with the understanding that each council, commission, General board or agency of the church involved in these particular sections shall have the opportunity of review of the sections for which they have responsibility, for the purpose of making suggested changes and revisions.

That any revision or change which may be suggested shall be submitted back by the council, commission, board or agency to the Ad Hoc Committee, on or before six months from the date of the adjournment of this General Conference or by such date as the Ad Hoc Committee may suggest in order that the changes and revisions may be fully and timely considered by the Ad Hoc Committee in drafting legislation for presentation to the 1968 General Conference.

With this understanding, the Committee recommends referral to the Ad Hoc Committee.

The report was referred to the Ad Hoc Committee. (DCA, page 948; see Appendix, page 2961.)

Report Continued

William C. Patten (New Mexico—SC): Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, report on Petitions 65 through 72, one page 758 of the November 8 issue of the *Daily Christian Advocate* column 3, and Petitions 74 through 81, page 759, column 1, will be presented by the Committee's secretary, Clare N. Pettit, California-Nevada Conference.

Clare N. Pettit (California-Nevada—W): Bishop Kennedy and friends, the effect of these five memorials or Petitions, as we now call them, is to request a change in Paragraph 1482 of Part 4, which does two things:

First, it makes it possible for any Conference, that desires to do so, to have either an historical commission or an historical society and;

Second, it provides that either the commission or the historical society shall be required to keep an archive of these records for the Conference.

Mr. Chairman, I can read this, if it is necessary, but these are the two salient changes.

I will read, then, the section, as revised:

"In each Annual Conference, there shall be an Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History,"

And this is the addition: "or an historical society to be appointed or elected in whatever manner the Conference may decide." And adding the following wording:

"In a commission, the number of members and their terms of office shall be as the Conference may determine."

Adding in the next sentence: "It shall be the duty of the commission or society—"

And further down, striking out the words—with all the copy that I have here, there are certain things that I can't read anymore—I have them over here—

"If so desired by the Conference."—that is keeping an archive or records not obligatory, but optional with the Conference.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 948; see Appendix, page 2962.)

Petition Number 71 Presented and Referred

Clare N. Pettit: Petition Number 71, to make the Oak Island Methodist Church of Texas a shrine.

The action of our Committee is to refer this to the Association of Methodist Historical Associations for recommendation to the next General Conference.

It was referred as proposed. (DCA, page 948; see Appendix, page 2963.)

Petition Number 72 Presented and Adopted

Clare N. Pettit: Petition Number 72. In effect, this has to do with Section Number 675 of the 1964 *Discipline*, and it provides that the Commission on Christian Vocations shall be increased by adding the name of the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction, if such person resides within that Conference.

Move that it be adopted.

It was adopted. (DCA, page 948; see Appendix, page 2963.)

Petition Number 74 Presented—Nonconcurrence

Clare N. Pettit: Our next Petition is Number 74, requesting that there be set individual ministerial salaries for all of the ministers of The Methodist Church, such salaries to be set by the general church, through its General Conference.

It requests that the general church set the individual salaries of every minister in every local church in The Methodist Church.

We voted nonconcurrence.

The Conference adopted the recommendation. (DCA, page 948; see Appendix, page 2964.)

Petition Number 75 Presented—Nonconcurrence

Clare N. Pettit: Number 75 is a Petition to equalize the pensions of merged conferences as the result of the changes that are now going on because of race and other considerations.

We voted nonconcurrence. We felt that this was being taken care of in other places and was not our problem.

The Conference adopted the recommendation. (DCA, page 948; see Appendix, page 2964.)

Petitions 76, 77 and 78 Withdrawn

Clare N. Pettit: Petitions 76, 77 and 78, we are thankful to say, were withdrawn by the maker. (DCA, page 948; see Appendix, page 2965.)

Petition Number 79 Presented and Adopted

Clare N. Pettit: Petition Number 79 has to do with Section 1593 of the *Discipline* of 1964. This provides that the secretary of the Commission on Worship shall be made a member of the Council of Secretaries. We concur.

The Conference adopted the report. (DCA, page 949; see Appendix, page 2965.)

Petition Number 80 Presented and Referred

Clare N. Pettit: Petition Number 80 requests that plans be made and a design be drawn up for a sign or symbol or medallion, or something of that kind, for The Methodist Church.

Our committee voted to refer this to the section on Promotion and Cultivation.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 949; see Appendix, page 2965.)

Petition 81 Presented and Referred

Clare N. Pettit: And one final Petition, a request for an Ad Hoc Committee to study the structure of The Methodist Church, with the suggestion that there is adequate personnel now in the employ of our Church to make this study.

The Committee was very sympathetic with this need and the request, and we referred it to the Coordinating Council for their consideration.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 949; see Appendix, page 2966.)

Committee on Membership and Evangelism Reports— Truman W. Potter

Truman W. Potter (West Virginia—SE): Bishop Kennedy, the materials in the paragraphs in the Plan of Union, relating to Membership and Evangelism, were seriously and thoughtfully considered by the Committee.

We are proposing to group our reports. You will find them on page 838 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

We grouped them first hopefully to save time for the Conference.

Secondly, we do not feel the reports are of sharp issue. Our action is preliminary to the finalizing of the *Discipline* of 1968, and we will have a chance to consider them again—

We appreciate the work of the Ad Hoc Committee—

Nor do we wish to freeze them in their future considerations, or the continuing Committee, but we are here to perfect, so we make these recommendations.

On Calendar Reports Number 52 through 60, the Committee moves amendments to the paragraphs indicated in the calendar, Reports 52

through 60 as printed, starting on Page 838 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Then, as amended, we move concurrence in principle and reference to the continuing study Committee on the Plan of Union.

I would first move amendments to these reports as a group. If there are questions, we will take them.

The amendments proposed in Calendar Reports 52-60, inclusive, were approved. (DCA, page 949.)

Calendar Reports 52-60, Inclusive, Adopted

Calendar Reports 52-60, inclusive, were adopted as amended. (DCA, page 949; see Appendix, pages 2967-2971 inclusive.)

Calendar Reports 61-69 Referred

Truman W. Potter (West Virginia—SE): Now, on Calendar reports Number 61 through 69, page 839, of the *Daily Advocate*, the Committee moves reference to the Continuing Committee of the Plan of Union.

There are questions which we raise that are in the reports; there are delineations which are desired and harmony is necessary in related paragraphs, and this is indicated in our report.

These are for—these are thus transmitted through the reports to the Continuing Committee. I move reference.

These reports were referred to the Ad Hoc Committee. (DCA, page 949; see Appendix, pages 2971-2975 inclusive.)

Calendar Reports 70-79 Adopted in Principle

Truman W. Potter (West Virginia—SE): Then, I would move concurrence, in principle of Paragraphs of the Plan of Union as reported in the Calendar Reports, Numbers 70 through 79—concurrence in principle.

The Conference approved these reports in principle. (DCA, page 949; see Appendix, pages 2975-2978 inclusive.)

Committee on Ministry Reports—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE): Mr. Chairman and brethren, this report was to have been made by our very gifted secretary, *Dr. Finis Crutchfield*, but he is out with the Ad Hoc Committee, and I will do the best I can.

Turn, please, to page 831 of the *Christian Advocate*.

Committee Report Number 2, Item 8, there is a printer's error here. The first part of this report, namely Paragraphs 301 to 382 of Part 4, which is the Organization and Administration. It is Item 8, Report Number 2, page 831.

Those Paragraphs 301 to 382 are referred to the Commission on the Ministry continuing through the quadrennium.

Paragraphs 1455, 1456 of the same Part 4 of the Plan of Union are moved for adoption.

Page 832, Item 10, Report Number 4. That was completed, so come down to 11, Report Number 5. That is changing the name from "district superintendent" to "presiding elder."

Presiding elder may sound a little more spiritual than district superintendent, but nonetheless we recommend nonconcurrence.

Item 12, Report Number 6 is a collection of various Petitions, some

of them good, but it didn't bear on the special purpose of this Conference. We didn't have time to deal thoroughly with them, and they will come up again in '68, so we recommend nonconcurrence.

Item 13, Report Number 7, the status of approved supply pastors. We recommend referral to the Committee continuing its study on the Ministry.

That completes the work of the Committee on the Ministry.

The recommendations of the Committee were approved. (DCA, page 950; see Appendix, pages 2979 and 2981.)

Petition 94 Referred to Ad Hoc Committee

Jack M. Tuell (Pacific Northwest—W) moved that Petition Number 94 be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee.

It was carried. (DCA, page 950; see Appendix, page 2943.)

Committee on Missions Reports—Edward Tullis

Edward L. Tullis (Kentucky—SE): If you will turn in the Plan of Union, please, to page 171, Section 9, the Legislation on Missions. Mr. Chairman, we have considered the entire body of legislation on missions, Paragraphs 951 to 1053.

You will find it all printed here in the Plan of Union, with the exception of one paragraph, which you will find in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 752, the middle column, toward the bottom of the middle column.

The reference is to page 206, inserting a new 1051 on Parish Development and Community Service.

I simply point out this is the only item that is not printed in the Plan of Union that is carried here in the *Daily Advocate*.

Bishop Kennedy, we have made a number of suggestions for minor clerical editorial corrections, and I do not think it is necessary to read them. They change—they do not change the substance at all.

The only major change we have made in an editorial way refers to paragraph 1044. If you will, on page 202 of the Plan of Union, at 1044, is a paragraph that we are advised was included in this report in error. It was picked up from the Evangelical United Brethren *Discipline*, and printed in error.

You will be interested to know that it is the paragraph which makes the Woman's Society a branch of the Conference Board of Missions, and, Mr. Chairman, I had an interesting parliamentary situation of having one of the brethren move that, while we deleted, we approved in principle.

But we certainly couldn't do anything like that. Our vote is concurrence in principle of paragraphs 951 through 1053, with this one deletion, which is an editorial error, 87 voting, 87 concurring.

Amendment to Report Proposed—George C. Lurwick

George C. Lurwick (Philadelphia—NE): I would like to move a substitute for the paragraph 951 and in its place put the present reading of paragraph 1176 of our 1964 *Discipline*.

If you don't have the *Discipline* in front of you, I'd like to read it. To me, this gives more meat to our Christian mission in this world today.

I am reading: "The supreme aim of missions is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their Divine Savior, to persuade them to become His disciples, and to gather these disciples

into Christian churches; to enlist them in the building of the kingdom of God to cooperate with these churches; to promote world Christian fellowship; and to bring to bear on all human life, the spirit and principles of Christ."

I move the—I make this motion.

Statement by Committee Chairman

Edward L. Tullis (Kentucky—SE): We discussed this at length. We felt that in such a short time, we were not able to deal with an important theological statement such as this should be, in the aim of missions. We simply felt that we must refer it for further study. We did not feel we should simply substitute the present aim of missions in the *Discipline*, as the motion, at the present time on the floor, intends to do.

Our opinion is that—the opinion of the Committee—that it ought to be referred for further study with all its legislation.

Amendment Defeated—Report No. 1 Adopted

The amendment was voted upon and was defeated. Report No. 1 was adopted. (DCA, page 951; see Appendix, page 2984.)

Reports No. 2 and 3, Committee on Missions—Nonconcurrency

Edward L. Tullis (Kentucky—SE): Mr. Chairman, while I am on the floor, I will take the two Petitions we have. They are not printed, as yet, in the *Daily Advocate*.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missions, Petition No. 0102, dealing with changing the name of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and we vote nonconcurrency. We report that.

On Report No. 3, we report that Serial 0103, a Petition to eliminate the Wesleyan Service Guild, and we vote nonconcurrency.

These two nonconcurrency recommendations were approved. (DCA, page 951; see Appendix, page 2985.)

Report of Ad Hoc Committee Resumed—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): The rules under which we are operating provide that, if matters come back from the Joint Liaison Committee, that we are to break into whatever proceeding is being held, in order to hear the report back from this Committee.

We have just had a very strenuous three-hour session; and I have a whole list of things that have come back to us, dealing with the Constitution.

In the Plan of Union, the brown book, page 17, Paragraph 56, the E.U.B. Liaison Committee reports to us that they came up with a vote asking for the deletion of the entire paragraph or a compromise in the second line by striking out the four words, "appointed by the bishop."

We were not at all clear on this, but by a divided vote, it was decided to come back to our two Conferences and see if this was a satisfactory solution of a problem which, on their side, has shaped up as one of considerable importance.

Will you turn with me to paragraph 81—page 81—in the Plan of Union, the brown volume; page 81, Paragraph 335:

"The district superintendents are to be chosen and appointed by the bishop." period.

The suggestion which we are taking back to the two floors is that that provision remain as is. All we are doing is taking out of the Constitution the four words "appointed by the bishop" and leaving it where it always has been in the Methodist tradition in the *Discipline*.

They are not certain that this will be sufficient to sell their constituency but this was as far as we Methodist Commissioners felt authorized to go. We told them that there was no assurance that they would ever change this rule, but we thought The Methodist Church was dedicated to the appointment of district superintendents and that they were under an hallucination if they felt this rule would be changed in the foreseeable future. They seemed to accept this.

The Commissioners, to a man, reported—confirmed what I reported to you earlier today, that the Commissioners themselves who have studied this with us, are absolutely convinced that the Methodist system of appointment is right, and they are prepared to stand by that proposition, but they have not yet been able to get this down into the grass roots. And, as we delegates have come from Annual Conferences, there has been a great reluctance to give up the prerogative of election which they have.

The ultimate decision after some very strenuous conversations, as I say, a divided vote. I bring to you the majority vote that we both go back to the floors of our respective Conferences and make this suggestion, that those four words be deleted, that paragraph 335 be allowed to remain as it is; and, may we point out that we had very frank conversation, exactly where this leaves us. The rule is that this part 4, including this 335, "district superintendents are to be chosen and appointed by the bishop," remain as it is as we come to the Uniting Conference of 1968.

This can be changed, and altered, only by a majority vote in the Uniting Conference, and if the Methodists want to call for a vote by denominations, this rule can be changed only if a majority of the Methodists present and voting want to change it. So I think that the Methodists have all the protection on the present system that we have today in our *Discipline*, because today, a General Conference, by majority vote, can change this rule. So, I don't see that we have given up anything of our Methodist position, which I am absolutely and firmly convinced is the right one, of appointment. But we have made a gesture which may be able to take them over the hump in the hurdle that they are having.

Motion to Delete in Paragraph 56

Charles C. Parlin: I, therefore, move the acceptance of this proposition, the deletion of the four words in Paragraph 56.

Speaks in Favor of Deletion—Vincent Mouser

Vincent Mouser (Louisiana—SE): I agree thoroughly that any plan which would take away from the bishop the appointive power, that is of appointing district superintendents, would be an administrative monstrosity in my opinion, because the district superintendent is the agent of the bishop, he carries out the work of the bishop, he is the arm through which the bishop functions. Not to have him appointed by the bishop would simply have a break in the line of authority. I think it would not provide for the workability of the system, but as has been pointed out, we have had this system, we have retained it through tradition and through maintaining the simple legislative acts by which it is provided. I don't think that there has been any contemplation or any effort which has even approached any serious proportions toward changing it in the period of time that I have done any thinking about The Methodist Church. I can't foresee that there

would be any movement in the future which could, in one General Conference, without giving the whole Church a long time to consider it, would bring about an abrogation of this rule.

Now, we can leave this open so that our friends of the Evangelical United Brethren Church can feel that they will have the power or the right to attempt to persuade us to their point of view without having to go through the difficulties of the Constitution administrative process. I think, as Mr. Parlin has pointed out, that that is little enough that we can do to try to conform to their point of view and relieve them of the feeling that they are just being stripped of everything which they hold dear.

These people are coming into a large communion. The great loss, as I see it, which they will have, will be that of giving up a tradition, a continuity which reaches back through their ancestors, through those who did the work before them. That historical tradition is a dear thing, and it is a hard thing for people to give up. Now, if we leave them with a feeling that they can come to us without too great a handicap in an attempt to persuade us, then I think we should do it; and I think that is reasonable grounds for compromise, and I don't think—it endangers our position.

Speaks Against Deletion—Wallace F. Stettler

Wallace F. Stettler (Philadelphia—NE): Mr. Chairman, I believe this is the first time that I have ever spoken on the floor of a General Conference. I have never taken the floor, and it is with some reluctance that I'm even doing it this evening but it seems to me that we have come to a very crucial moment.

As I sat here, it seemed to me that never has so much hinged on four little words. I think this is a very serious matter. There is more involved than just compromise here.

I am concerned that we come in 1968 finding ourselves in a box voting separately, getting into all kinds of complicated legislation and entering into a Union with a partner who does not like the way in which we have done business for 180 years.

I am concerned, and I do not believe it should be taken out of the Constitution in this fashion.

I think we will find ourselves regretting this in the years that are ahead. I hope that we will not take the risk of making of the district superintendency a political football or a popularity contest which is what it could become very easily in the years that are ahead, as we would move over to the election of the superintendency, which is a great risk involved in this move.

I do not think that we should get married and then risk a divorce. I trust that we will defeat the proposal of taking this out of the Constitution.

Speaks in Favor of Deletion—David Lindstrom

David Lindstrom (Central Illinois—NC): I am for it, yes. I am afraid that our brother here is not quite aware of the data that have been collected with respect to this issue, even in The Methodist Church. It may be surprising to many of you to realize that in The Methodist Church there is not anywhere near unanimous opinion favoring the appointive process.

With this kind of a situation, I would think it would be very wise for us to go along with this position, and if you care to have a reference to a study made along this line, you might write to Brewer of Emory University in Atlanta and you will get some information that will indicate to you that we are not unanimous with respect to this proposition.

I hope therefore that the house will at least vote so that the matter can be reconsidered, and therefore, we will be going along with an effort to be brotherly with our United Brethren who soon, we hope, will be United Methodists.

Speaks Against Deletion—Albert Outler

Albert Outler (North Texas—NC): Mr. Chairman, there is something rather dubious about a compromise that is not altogether clear in its actual outworking. If we propose to have an elective superintendency in The United Church, then we ought actually to face debate and resolve that issue.

If we do not, there seems to me something less than candor involved in taking one position implicitly in the Constitution and another position explicitly in the text of Part 4 on Organization and Administration.

Now all of us remember that this issue has been one of the fundamental bones of contention in the history of The Methodist Church since the time Joshua Soule refused to accept consideration as a bishop. The modern studies on the attitude of the district superintendent have little bearing on this question nor are they definitive nor have they led to a deliberative decision on the part of the General Conference of The Methodist Church with respect to the general status of the district superintendent.

It seems to me therefore this is a poor way to be brotherly, to say, "Yes, this is a compromise, but in the end we are going to take you." And this is almost certainly what is intended by this kind of compromise.

Now we have had enough history in The Methodist Church of unions predicated on some notion that, "We will make a compromise now and then we'll scrub them later." This is not actually the right way to go about this next Union.

Now on the other hand, Mr. Chairman, we all know that in the course of Consultation on Church Union, the question of structure, polity, order and organization is one of the most important issues with which both we and the E.U.B.s and the other seven member churches of COCU are involved.

None of the issues that we are seeking to resolve tonight will stay resolved if we persist in our commitments in COCU because the resulting church in COCU is not going to be either like our church or the E.U.B. Church or an amalgam of either of the two, so we are not really legislating either for the long future or the short future.

We ought to go into this Union with the convictions we hold and one of them, it seems to me, by the vast majority of the opinion of this body, is that the appointive district superintendency goes with the system of general superintendency under which we have operated and do operate, and unless we are going to change that, we cannot change a constituent part of it.

Previous Question Moved—John Van Sickle

John Van Sickle (Rock River—NC) moved the previous question and it was voted.

Closing Statement

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Let me personally identify myself thoroughly and unequivocally with those who will support the appointive system of district superintendents. There isn't a shadow of a doubt in my mind that that is the right basis. It is the basis today, it will continue as the basis in The United Church unless

and until a majority of the Methodist delegates duly elected decide to change it.

This to me is a gesture we are making to the E.U.B.s. We are merely leaving the situation we Methodists are now in exactly as it is. I said earlier today that this was put into the Constitution to force everybody to face up to the fact that if they came into the Methodist structure as we were planning it, they would be accepting the Methodist system of appointment of district superintendents.

It has served its purpose. Every delegate across the hall realizes that tonight, and knows it, because they have been debating it, and the only question between us now is where this rule is to be stated, and it seems to me this is a compromise we can easily give.

The motion to delete was adopted. (DCA, page 954; see Appendix, page 3021.)

Motion to Limit Debate Adopted—Willard Zellmer

Willard Zellmer (Pacific Northwest—W) moved that debate be limited to five minutes per person. In the discussion, it was suggested that the limit be three minutes and Mr. Zellmer concurred. This was adopted.

Motion to Adopt Preamble to Constitution—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): There is a request for the addition of a paragraph to the Preamble. If you will turn further in that same book to Paragraphs 101 and 102 of the Part IV, page 41, you will find that what they are asking us to do is to take the text from this paragraph dealing with the local church, which they think is so important and so effective in its statement that they would like to lift it out of Part IV and put it as a Preamble to the Constitution.

Our group agreed to carry this recommendation with favorable action to you.

The paragraph as they would like to have it is an additional paragraph on the Preamble, page 7. I will read the text, if you want to follow it in Paragraphs 101 and 102. This is the paragraph we would like to add to the Preamble:

"The church is a community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. It is the redeemed and redeeming fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by men divinely called, and the Sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the church seeks to provide for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers and the redemption of the world.

"The Church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the world and its very dividedness is a hindrance to its mission in that world."

I move on the basis of our Committee that this be included in the Preamble.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

The Conference voted to adopt the Preamble. (DCA, page 954; see Appendix, page 3007.)

Report to Conference Relative to E.U.B. Action on Statement on Ecumenical Relations—Charles C. Parlin

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): Now I've got some bad news to report. Let me go back. Page 7—no, I have got to go to

the *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 751, the first column, Article V, "Ecumenical Relations."

A substitute for that was moved by *Dr. Outler* and adopted by us. The substitute was not accepted by the E.U.B. Commissioners for the reason that they felt it was too narrow and referred only to consultation and negotiations with other churches; whereas their intention of having adopted this "Ecumenical Relations" report was a much broader one which they feel is important to them in their relationship through united churches—where they have already gone into united churches—and to these relationships of affiliated churches. They feel that this original clause of "Ecumenical Relations" provides these, and that the substitute we suggested did not.

This is merely a matter of report. It requires no action on our part, but they are reporting unfavorably on that item.

Question Relative to Procedure—John Van Sickle

John Van Sickle (Rock River—NC): Mr. Parlin said it was merely a matter of reporting. Does that mean our action this afternoon is nullified?

Charles C. Parlin: The rule is that the Plan as presented to you—which is the document, the brown-covered one, plus the two amendments—in all respects stands, unless it is amended by action of both houses. This cannot be amended unilaterally.

Actions Nullified Need Not Be Rescinded—Charles C. Parlin

Harold Bosley (New York—NE) inquired relative to procedure to be followed in cases where action of The Methodist General Conference is nullified because the E.U.B. Conference does not concur.

Mr. Parlin answered: We have no power to amend this Plan unilaterally. All our votes, while they took the form of "I amend this" and "I amend that," really were requests to the E.U.B. Conference to consider what we wanted and see if they joined. If they don't, why the original text stands. I don't believe we need to reaffirm anything.

Questions for Clarification Answered

Several delegates asked questions relative to procedure where the two Conferences have not agreed on certain proposals.

Mr. Parlin answered in part: The rules under which we were working, as I understand it, the first day was that this is the Plan brought in by commissioners appointed by the two churches to negotiate and bring to us a plan and the rule is that this is the Plan on which we stand up and say yes or no, when the showdown day comes.

The only way to change this Plan is by action, uniform action, of both houses. This Plan cannot be amended unilaterally.

Request for Information from E.U.B. Conference

Several requests were made for the Ad Hoc Committee to report the status of various proposals which have been originated by our General Conference in the form of amendments to the Plan of Union as it was originally presented.

Mr. Parlin requested a few minutes delay while he organized his papers.

Report of Committee on Pensions Presented—Roland P. Riddick

Roland P. Riddick (Virginia—SE): *Daily Christian Advocate*, Calendar Report No. 31. This is Report No. 1. From the Plan of Union the Committee on Pension Legislation had referred to it Paragraphs 1551 to 1560.

We concur in principle with most of these Paragraphs. However, we are suggesting three amendments:

First, to Paragraph 1553, Section 3. This, however, only has to do with clarification and I think we need not read what we have here. The purpose of this clarification, is to be sure only one bishop is on the Pension Legislation Committee for the quadrennium, and that bishop be the bishop of the Board of Pensions.

In Paragraph 1554, Section 12, we also are proposing an amendment for clarification. It has to do with the consolidation of two or more pension or benefit plans, and we are saying "as are under its jurisdiction" rather than leaving it open-ended. We are limiting it to the funds that are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Pensions.

Now the third amendment is substantive and that relates to Paragraph 1560, Section 3. Now we are substituting in this amendment different language, on page 752 in the third column, of the amendments, in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

We have considered this as a part of the matter referred to us and this is the language that we are substituting, I think. Perhaps you may want me to read it or you can read it yourself, whichever.

This is the language we are substituting for the language on page 752, column 3:

"The determination of pension benefits in The United Methodist Church shall recognize all pension rights to which ministers are entitled under the pension plans in existence at the time of church Union and shall recognize all approved service which has been rendered in the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church prior to the date of Union."

This puts it in positive language. The other is negative. The other tends to be contractual and this, I think, guarantees service years, but does not guarantee the rate or the amount of pensions.

Motion was made to adopt the report in principle and refer it to the Ad Hoc Committee for further study.

Questions Concerning the Report Raised—Claude Garrison

Claude Garrison (Ohio—NC): I'm very sorry that Mr. Parlin isn't in because I believe the questions I would like to ask have to do not only with the Committee on Pensions, the Legislative Committee, but the Ad Hoc Committee. But I would like to ask two or three questions and then, depending upon the answers that can be given us from those who ought to know in this field, I may or may not want to make a motion.

And the first question I want to ask is a very simple one: What does this paragraph mean?

Mr. Riddick: Before attempting to answer, I would like to ask that the secretary of the Committee, Mr. Frank Webber, and the General Secretary of the Board of Pensions, *Dr. Claire Hoyt*, join me on the platform. They know more than I do.

I think it means that we are guaranteeing service years rendered in either of the churches prior to Union, but not guaranteeing the pension rate.

Mr. Garrison: All right, then I would like to ask another question: Has the financial structure of the pension systems of the two churches been carefully examined by this Committee or the Ad Hoc Committee?

Mr. Riddick: Of course we were limited in time in our study. We know something about the pension systems in the E.U.B. Church. We know something also about our own pension system. Do you want me to try to give any information or would you rather have more authoritative information?

Mr. Garrison: Well, then, the fundamental matter I'm trying to get at is what are the assets and where do they come from to provide the benefits which this amendment guarantees in the Church?

Mr. Riddick: Mr. Chairman, I do not know the answer to that.

Dr. Claire Hoyt Requested to Give Information

Claire Hoyt, Executive Secretary of Board of Pensions: Bishop Kennedy and members of the Conference:

I did serve on the Ad Hoc Committee and there has been a great deal of work done jointly with the E.U.B. Board of Pensions and their general secretary and many other persons with reference to this particular section, and, indeed, the whole section as it relates to pensions.

Dr. Garrison's questions are pertinent. What this attempts to do is to relate the prior service and pensions pertaining thereto to the plans in operation at the present time, feeling that future service will want to be uniform—follow a uniform pattern, but that prior service in both denominations can relate to the plans in effect at the time of Union.

I'm not sure, *Dr. Garrison*, if that answers your question; but that is what this is attempting to say.

You asked a further question: What are the assets, and from whence do they come?

There are many assets in the pension program of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Each man with the exception of a few in the senior plan have accumulated reserve assets that come from two sources. One source, the local church, pays an amount equal to 9 percent of the salary of the man, not the average salary of the Conference. At the time, a 3 percent contribution is made, either by the man or on behalf of the man by the church so that an amount equal to 12 percent of the salary of the man is deposited each year and those reserves are on hand, in the General Board of Pensions.

In addition to that, each Annual Conference in many cases, if not all cases, are using something of a current income type of plan to provide pensions on account of years of service on the part of the ministers serving in the Church.

So there are varied sources of income and resources for their pension plan.

Motion to Refer Pension Report No. 31 Defeated

Claude Garrison (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, if I am in order, I would like to move that Report 31 of the Legislative Committee on Pensions be referred to them for further answers to these questions with a documented answer, that it can be before the entire Conference as to these resources. If I may have a second, I'd like to speak to it.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Bishop Kennedy: It is seconded.

Mr. Garrison: At this point in the life of this Conference, I hesitate to get in the way of the steamroller, but I think we need to stop long enough to realize that up to this point the Church has not had any clear answer as to the plan that would be followed to make possible the funding of the brethren in either of these churches in the United Church.

These questions have been raised in my own part of the country again and again, and no answers have really been given. And I don't believe we ought to pass any kind of legislation that does not have in writing a clear picture of the kind of liabilities and the kind of resources we have in this hour of uniting, getting ready for the Uniting Conference.

I do not raise this in any spirit of blockade to the Plan of Union. I simply am responsible, at least in my corner of the Church, for some major responsibilities in the field of taking care of the men who are retired and their widows and I do not think it ought to be jeopardized by any kind of hasty action. I think the light ought to be brought to bear upon this problem before it is acted upon by the General Conference.

Bishop Kennedy: The Chairman of the Committee will speak to us.

Mr. Riddick: Mr. Chairman, we shall try to do that if that is the will of the Conference. I think, however, this motion simply refers it to the Ad Hoc Committee for further study. It doesn't bind us to anything at this time.

Bishop Kennedy: Is that the import of your motion, *Dr. Garrison*?

Mr. Garrison: Not at all, unless this can be brought back to us during this General Conference. If this particular section is to be adopted, I'm very happy to have the Ad Hoc Committee bring the light of fact upon this matter, but I believe that if we are to act upon this report, it must have more facts than it has if we are to act intelligently.

Bishop Kennedy: All right, some further discussion of it?

Mr. Riddick: We will do the best we can, if that is what you want.

Bishop Kennedy: The motion is to refer to the Committee for further study. Are you ready to vote?

Now those who are opposed? It is lost. (DCA, page 957.)

Parliamentary Inquiry—John H. Rixse, Jr.

John H. Rixse, Jr. (Virginia—SE): I beg the indulgence of the Chair.

The folks in the vicinity of ten feet of where I was standing were unsure of whether we were voting to refer to the Ad Hoc Committee for continued study or referral back to the Legislative Committee for action tonight.

Which is the motion that they are now voting on?

Bishop Kennedy: Will the secretary tell us what we are voting on? I think it is back to this Committee for further action and refer back again to this General Conference, if possible. Is that it?

Report 31, Committee on Pensions, Referred to Ad Hoc Committee

After considerable discussion, it was decided by all parties concerned that because of limitation of time, the report should be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee. The proposal was put to vote and was adopted. (DCA, page 958; see Appendix, page 2986.)

Committee on Pensions Report No. 32—Nonconcurrence

Roland Riddick (Virginia—SE): One further report, No. 32 on page 835, which we are voting unanimously in nonconcurrence. It has to do with lay employees' pensions in the Central Conference and relates—Calendar report 32. We unanimously voted nonconcurrence since it was related to the 1960 *Discipline* and we thought not properly before our Committee. I move approval of nonconcurrence.

Motion duly seconded from floor.

The Conference approved the recommendation of nonconcurrence. (DCA, page 958; see Appendix, page 2987.)

Motion Requesting Information from Board of Pensions— —Truman Potter

Truman Potter (West Virginia—NE): Mr. Chairman, I move that the General Conference request the General Board of Pensions to prepare information relating to the pension requirements of the proposed United Methodist Church and distribute their information and recommendations to the Continuing Committees and the Annual Conference Boards of Pensions.

The motion was seconded.

Amendment Proposed—Douglas E. Jackson

Douglas E. Jackson (Louisiana—SC): I wish to offer an amendment to this particular motion which will set a timetable, that the Board of Pensions shall make this report to the various Annual Conferences prior to the voting upon the Plan of Union.

The motion was seconded.

Douglas E. Jackson: I would like to speak to it, Mr. Chairman. I believe it is not an unreasonable request that within the period of the next year, or nearly a year, we have this information. I do not believe this will greatly affect the vote, but I do believe it would be well for us to have enough information when we vote that we know what we are doing.

The amendment was approved.

The Potter motion as amended was then approved. (DCA, page 958.)

Inquiry Concerning Matters Being Reported Back by Ad Hoc Committee

Clinton Cherry (Philadelphia—NE): With respect to matters now before us, Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask whether this Liaison Committee is to ask us to act on matters which are handled only by the Commissioners or items which have been voted upon by the E.U.B. General Conference?

It seems to me that if we have voted on this—anything, whatever it might be—we deserve at least a comparable handling on the part of the other Church. I don't believe that matters of this whole body that have been acted upon ought to be stopped by the Commissioners.

Mr. Parlin replied: I think this falls right in with what I'm trying to report now. The number of items was not so impressive when I came to tabulate them because so many of them involved cross reference to

a number of paragraphs, but actually boiled down to issues which we face.

The following issues are coming to us from the E.U.B. General Conference. I won't go into detail or even cite you to the paragraphs.

1. Are we willing to reconsider the question of the definition of our name?

2. Are we willing to reconsider our proposition of some compromise on the system of electing district superintendents?

3. Are we willing to compromise in some way on our system for the election of delegates to General Conference?

4. Are we willing to compromise in some way on the election for only a term for bishops elected after 1968?

I can report back to you the propositions that went from us to them.

On the request made by our Committee on the Ministry for some of those amendments, I can report back to you their action, that is, of the Committee, on the question of amendment regarding the time of the Annual Conferences, and lastly, report back to the Methodist request made by the Fleming amendment for an addition to the Enabling Legislation.

If it is agreeable to the house, I would like to take the last item first. It is an important one.

Actually, the text of the proposed amendment was drafted by Mr. Slutz for us. It was considered by both Committees, and both Committees agreed unanimously to take it back to their respective houses with a recommendation for adoption.

Ad Hoc Committee Resumes Its Report

Charles C. Parlin: If it is agreeable, sir, I propose we take that item up first, because if there is going to be any change in text, we will have to go back to them again.

Bishop Kennedy: All right.

Mr. Parlin: They have adopted the Enabling Legislation, except for this item, as I understand it, the same as we have.

Vincent M. Mouser (Louisiana—SC): Mr. Chairman.

Bishop Kennedy: Yes, yes, Number 6.

Mr. Mouser: I just want to ask Mr. Parlin, are these all of the issues which are unresolved?

Mr. Parlin: These are all. They affect a good many paragraphs, but these, I boil down to the issues. These are the issues.

The Daily Christian Advocate, page 754, in the middle of that column, Paragraph D, the Fleming Amendment, was to call for an additional paragraph at the end of that Paragraph D and come in just before the heavy type called Step 3.

And the proposal, as I say, was drafted by Mr. Slutz, reviewed and approved by both Committees.

It reads as follows: "The 1966 session of the Methodist General Conference unmistakably expressed its determination to bring about not only the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, but also the merger of the separate Negro Annual Conferences formerly part of that Jurisdiction with the conferences of the Regional Jurisdictions and the elimination of any structural organization based on race. The resolution adopted by the General Conference and submitted by it to the other bodies named therein reads as follows:

"By the adoption of this resolution each Annual Conference, each Jurisdictional Conference, the General Conference, each College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops express their determination to do everything possible to bring about the elimination of any structural organization in The Methodist Church based on race at the earliest

possible date and not later than the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972. They further express their earnest determination to do everything possible to develop greater understanding and brotherhood in Methodism as well as in the world.'

"Both denominations desire and intend that Union shall in no way delay or impede, but rather facilitate, strengthen, encourage and hasten such elimination of any racial structure or distinction."

I move the adoption of this paragraph.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Speaks in Explanation of Proposal—Arthur Fleming

Arthur Fleming (Oregon—W): Mr. Chairman, if I just review briefly the reasoning that led me to make this suggestion, by the time we completed action on the report of the Committee on Interjurisdictional Relations, yesterday morning, it was clear to me that all the resources of The Methodist Church were going to be focused on the task of eliminating Annual Conferences based on race no later than 1972.

As I indicated in presenting my motion this morning, I had voted for the proposed amendment, which was designed to strengthen the majority report.

The legislative history, however, that developed during the course of the morning convinced me that the majority report was stronger certainly than I thought it was on first reading.

That action, however, has meaning, it seems to me, only until 1968, assuming that the Union that we are considering becomes a reality.

After 1968, the responsibility becomes the responsibility of The United Methodist Church.

Our negative votes last night left us in a position where the basic documents of the proposed United Methodist Church would contain no statement comparable to the one that this General Conference adopted yesterday morning.

I think the seriousness of this situation is underlined further by the report that we received this afternoon from the Judicial Council interpreting Section 4. This is why I introduced the motion that I did this morning.

The proposal that is now before this body certainly conforms to the motion that I made this morning. I know that some will still feel that it doesn't go far enough.

I personally, however, believe that with this commitment of the total resources of The United Methodist Church back of the achieving of this objective that the objective will be achieved.

I would like to note the fact that at the 1968 General Conference, a review of the situation would be in order; and if it is clear that these resources are not being used in such a way as to achieve the objective by 1972, it would be appropriate of course for the General Conference to take additional action. But, I am prepared to support this proposal that is before us and made in conformity with the motion that I made this morning.

The statement presented by the Ad Hoc Committee was adopted. (DCA, page 960; see Appendix, page 3054.)

Ad Hoc Committee Report Continues

Charles C. Parlin: Page 7 of the brown document, Article II. Name. The section now reads: "The name of the church shall be The

United Methodist Church. In other than legal documents, the name The Methodist Church may be used."

We are asked if we are willing to delete that second sentence, "In other than legal documents, the name The Methodist Church may be used."

Your Commissioners wish, and I think the vote was unanimous, to recommend that we accede to this request. This is a de facto situation anyhow. Everybody, including all of the E.U.B. Commissioners, realizes that we are—maybe our name is "United Methodist Church," but we are going to be known as Methodists just like the Presbyterians are Presbyterians, even though, technically, they are United Presbyterians.

This does not mean that we have to change the names or organizations.

For example, if it is the wisdom of the Board of Publication to keep the Methodist Publishing House, I see no possible objection to their doing exactly that.

For example, the Evangelical United Brethren Church calls their publishing house the Otterbein Press.

There is nothing here that would prevent us from being United Methodist Church and calling our Publishing House the Nashville Press or anything else.

I think that, if we agree that this sentence is unnecessary; and if it helps the E.U.B.s we thought that it would be a nice gesture to remove that sentence; so I bring to you the recommendation that we accede to the E.U.B. request and eliminate the second sentence of that paragraph.

The Conference voted to delete the sentence in question. (DCA, page 960; see Appendix, page 3008.)

Time Extended

Upon motion of *John Herr* (Philadelphia—NE) it was voted to extend the time "indefinitely."

Ad Hoc Committee Resumes Presentation

Charles C. Parlin: Page 13 of the bound volume, Paragraph 35. We were asked if we would be willing—first, let me say how they worked.

In the E.U.B. General Conference, they divided themselves up into twenty Discussion Groups rather than Legislative Committees, and each one of these Discussion Groups had the entire Constitution and the entire Enabling Legislation before them; and they understood their instruction to see what kind of ideas they could boil up. And they all came up with a lot of ideas, and I think the same thing would have happened here if we had turned ourselves into twenty discussion groups and taken the Constitution of Enabling Legislation—we would have come up with an awful lot of ideas, too.

So, this is how these ideas originated, when they took the composite of the report of these twenty Discussion Groups.

One of the questions that comes up from the Discussion Groups: Are the Methodists willing to think about Paragraph 35 and add to the Annual Conference powers, where it says,

"The Annual Conference is the basic body of the church. It shall have reserved to it" . . . and so forth, all these powers, are we willing to consider adding to their powers the right to elect district superintendents?

Your Commission said "No," and I am asking that this decision of your Committee be affirmed.

The decision of the Ad Hoc Committee was affirmed. (DCA, page 960; see Appendix, page 3015.)

Charles C. Parlin: Page 13, Paragraphs 37 and 38. We were asked if the Methodist group would reconsider and consent to amendments which would provide for the adoption of the E.U.B. system of electing delegates to General Conference, namely that all the General Conference, voting as a whole, elects the clergy and all the delegates elect the lay.

This was long discussed in our Commission. We finally came to unanimous decision and the E.U.B. Commissioners accepted the Methodist position on this and the reason, it boils down to, I think, was this:

In some parts of the country, including my own, there may be a place where the laymen are more conservative than the clergy, and if the laymen got their hands on the situation, they might prevent sending to their General Conference a prophetic voice from the clergy. And, therefore, we felt that the clergy should select their candidate and then that the laymen elect theirs, and this was agreed to after consideration by the E.U.B. Commissioners. This question came boiling up from the twenty Discussion Groups.

When we were asked, are we willing to change our Methodist system of election by orders of the delegates, we said, "No."

I move, therefore, confirmation of the position taken by your Methodist Committee members.

Questions Position Taken

Leonard Slutz (Ohio—NC): I don't feel this is the time or place to battle such a basic issue; but I question whether we should take an intransigent position. It wouldn't be so completely impossible for laymen to have some judgment about clerical delegates. And, I might say that it could also work the other way.

We have had prophetic voices elected to the episcopacy and laymen have participated in those elections. I am not going to try to change the situation now; but I throw that out as a possibility. If we should be hung up and have just one or two issues remaining, we don't have to make this a constitutional provision, but we could let this be, like some of the others, a Disciplinary provision.

My own feeling is: we are getting an awful lot of things into a Constitution. And I know, when I incorporate a corporation, I try to have just as little as possible that is in the Constitution—or the code of regulations.

So, let's keep the door a little bit open in our thinking, if not in our actions; and consider then that possibly we might be willing to think about making this a Disciplinary matter rather than constitutional.

Speaks to Position Taken

Robert Hayes (Texas—C): I think this is apropos at this time, Mr. Chairman.

An early American proverb that says: "He who trims himself to suit others will soon whittle himself away."

I hope, I sincerely pray, that we will know who we were and who we are and who we will be when we have been thoroughly whittled, if we keep on whittling. There are some basic things that keep us Methodists; and I hope that, despite our great love, and our courtship and our impending marriage, that we will still remain Methodists. I thank you.

Speaks Against Confirmation

Lee Moorehead (Ohio—NC): I must say I am very glad that this is one place that the E.U.B.s have chosen to really contest with us, because I believe this is a viable and a very valid place.

It's a conviction I have, that I believe stems from an understanding of the very nature of the church and I would appeal here to the doctrine that we have honored for a long time of the priesthood of all believers. And although I believe that this General Conference ought to have all the profits it can get and take, I think that it is high time that we understand that we are a Church, and that there is one ministry of all people, and this would be a risk that I would personally be willing to see the Church take, that we would all participate in a very important matter, such as the election of the delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. I would hope that we would really talk seriously as Leonard Slutz has suggested, about a compromise at this point.

Position Taken by Ad Hoc Committee Affirmed

The position by the Ad Hoc Committee was affirmed by the Conference. (DCA, page 961; see Appendix, page 3016.)

Ad Hoc Committee Presentation Continued

Charles C. Parlin: The Plan in the bound volume, page 13, Paragraph 36. This morning, I think it was, we asked that there be added to the first sentence—in the third line—added to the first sentence: "At the session preceding the General Conference," so that the first sentence would read: "Annual Conference shall elect ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V at the session preceding the General Conference."

This has been voted on negatively by the E.U.B.s because they have many Annual Conferences that come in February and March, and it's not practical for them to have that meeting so early. Probably we can work something out with them which will—as to the election—satisfy them with their dates of Annual Conference meeting different than ours. But I am simply reporting to you that the E.U.B. Commissioners are reporting back to their floor unfavorably on this item, for the reasons stated.

No action on this matter is required.

Article V—Ecumenical Affairs

Charles C. Parlin: I think *Dr. Bosley* may have had a point, and the secretary of the General Conference says, also, that adopting the Constitution we did, perhaps, take no action on Article V. So, if you will turn to your *Daily Christian Advocate*, Section 751, page 751, *Daily Christian Advocate*, first column, Article V, Ecumenical Relations. Instead of adopting that today, we adopted the *Outler* phraseology which we liked better; but the E.U.B.s wanted to stay "by the original plan."

Therefore, I propose that we now accept Article V on Ecumenical Relations, as it appears in the Plan of Union, page 751 of the Second Supplemental Report.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Amendment Proposed—Robert Cushman

Robert Cushman (North Carolina—SE): Mr. Chairman, I want to propose an amendment—an amendment, not a substitute—to Article

V as it appears in column 1, page 751, the *Daily Christian Advocate*; and with your permission, I will read it:

"As part of the Church Universal, The United Methodist Church believes that Christ calls all Christians to receive, and manifest, his gift of unity and faith to the end of a more effective mission and service of His church.

"We will therefore strive and labor for a larger Christian unity at all levels of the life of the Church through world relationships with other churches of both Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions, through Councils of Churches, and through responsible consultation and negotiation with any other interested churches." I move the amendment, Mr. Chairman, and if there is a second, I will simply comment.

Motion duly seconded from the floor.

Mr. Cushman: In the concluding portion of the amended version, we have attempted to incorporate the constituent parts of the original Article in such a fashion as to meet the objections which Mr. Parlin communicated to us.

Substitute to Cushman Amendment—Eugene Smith

Eugene Smith (Northern New Jersey—NE): Mr. Chairman, I think we are in an impossible situation, trying at this time of night to edit a statement which needs to say so many things in such few words.

If we are to take this amendment of *Dean Cushman's* seriously, there are one or two changes that need to be made in it; and which I think he would support after due debate. It is not possible to do this well in a body of this size or at this time, especially when we think of the difficulties that this may be making for our brethren in another meeting who have to deal with so much more difficult questions than this.

I hope—very much, Mr. Chairman, that we may adopt this statement which comes to us as a joint recommendation; and then, if I may, amend that, by moving also that the Ad Hoc Committee be requested to bring to the 1968 Session of the General Conference a revised statement on Ecumenical Relations.

I believe this is a much more responsible way of dealing with the matter.

Bishop Kennedy: Are you moving anything now, *Dr. Smith*? The amendment is before us. Are you making another motion on *Dean Cushman's* amendment?

Dr. Smith: I will make this as a substitute to the amendment.

The substitute offered by *Eugene Smith* was adopted.

Closing Statement

Charles C. Parlin: I think there are two parts in *Dr. Smith's* motion. One is to approve Article V as it appears on page 751; and the other is to ask the Ad Hoc Commission to bring to the 1968 General Conference a statement on Ecumenical Relations.

I would gladly accept that charge for the Ad Hoc Commission. I think your Commissioners will be totally agreed.

I do plead with you to adopt this Article V. It was drafted by competent people, and I don't want to get in a hassle and choose sides between theologians.

Actually, this section was worked upon by deans of two theological

schools, by Dean Trout of Wesleyan Seminary; and Dean Walter Muelder of Boston University.

I don't want to pit them against Dr. Cushman and Dr. Outler. We are in between, here, and I don't want to get in that thing, but I think both statements are good and certainly there is nothing wrong with this one done by Wesleyan Seminary and Boston University. And so, I hope we will adopt it.

Question for Clarification

Richard C. Thistle (Northwest Indiana—NC): Is it not true, sir, as a point of information, that if we adopt this now, as amended, by asking the Ad Hoc Committee to report in 1968 since this is part of a constitutional matter—that it will then be frozen and will not be available to be adopted in any form until it has gone to the Annual Conferences during the interim of the following quadrennium?

Mr. Parlin: You are absolutely correct. This will be in the Constitution. The only thing we can do in '68 is to so make a statement of our position on the Ecumenical Relations for our *Discipline*, or by resolutions, and it would take a constitutional amendment to change the phraseology. You are correct.

Question for Clarification

Albert C. Outler (North Texas—SC): Mr. Chairman, I want to ask a question and preface it by a comment to the effect that Mr. Parlin does not wish to pit Boston and Wesleyan against Duke and Perkins, and has succeeded admirably in doing exactly what he meant to do; and, if I may say so, it was the gratuitous action of which he is a master.

Now that is the preface to a question. Does it make any difference to what we shall do now, that the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs of The Methodist Church has in process the preparation of a statement on the stance of The Methodist Church in its ecumenical commitments, for submission to the Conference of 1968?

I ask this question in the light of the fact that whatever we do with respect to a request to the Ad Hoc Commission has nothing to do with the Constitution, and can have none under the rulings that we have already had.

What, then, would be the value of a statement prepared by the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs? We should have ecumenical statements coming out of our ears.

Mr. Parlin: I think our Commission would be very much guided by our Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, and if they come up with a statement, I am sure your Ad Hoc Commissioners would carry that to the Conference of '68.

If this is important—and frankly I don't see the importance between these two draftings. But, I am perfectly willing to try anything. If we could have some different draftings—maybe tonight, late, the two Commissions could work on some new drafting—and bring it back to the two houses tomorrow morning. But I don't see the importance of it that warrants the wear and tear on the machinery of the two Churches at this point.

I would like to see us adopt this.

Article V—Ecumenical Affairs—Adopted

Article V, Ecumenical Affairs as prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee was adopted. (DCA, page 963; see Appendix, page 3016.)

Ad Hoc Committee Presentation Continued

Charles C. Parlin: I have to report that the E.U.B. Commissioners are reporting unfavorably or against the adoption at this time of those amendments brought in by our Committee on the Ministry. They had not seen them until dinner time tonight.

They said they were complicated, they were technical, they had no chance to study them, and it was impossible for them to report favorably to their Conference in tonight's session.

They, again, pointed to page 752, where the report, which we have adopted, contains the footnote recommending that the E.U.B.s appoint a Commission paralleling our Committee on the Ministry, and that the two work together and bring in to us their recommendations in 1968.

Now, it is true that the terminology in the Constitution may not incorporate the new terminology which such a study over the next two years may bring forth, but they said they simply were not prepared to take these technical things which they saw at dinner time tonight for the first time, with a favorable recommendation to their floor.

This is merely a matter of report, and I think their action will be "not favorable" on that.

This, sir, then, completes my report on all of the items that have been cleared so far.

I have one motion that I think should be considered or questioned. And that is, the matter of voting tomorrow morning.

We will have before us this Constitution and the Enabling Legislation, and it has now been cleared. We are to vote yes or no on those two documents together. Your Ad Hoc Committee did not bring to you any recommendation of how that vote should be taken.

This vote can be taken in one of three ways under the rules.

It can be taken by a standing vote, as we have done in, I think, all constitutional amendments to date.

It can be taken by a signed ballot; or, it can be taken by what, in World Council circles, we call an ecclesiastical or a blind ballot unsigned.

I think, at this point, it's only fair to call on the chairman of the Rules Committee to see if they have a suggestion. I think if we should decide tonight how the vote will be taken, they can set up the machinery of their tellers.

Motion Relative to Voting on Adoption of Constitution

John Herr (Philadelphia—NE): I move that it be a standing vote taken tomorrow. Those favorable, those against, and those abstaining.

Charles C. Parlin: May I give this suggestion? The only position the Ad Hoc Committee took, with the Joint Commission, was that it would be preferable that the tallying, no matter how it is taken, should not be announced until both votes have been taken, and then released simultaneously to the two Conferences.

Now under the stand-up vote system, the tellers count the standees on each item; for, against, and so on; and then they bring the slip up to the headquarters where these are totalled up. This would be done; but the totalling of those votes would not be announced until we have a similar tally from across the hall and the two count tallies would be announced simultaneously at both places.

That is the plan.

Dr. Herr requested this procedure be included in his motion.

Substitute Motion—W. Davis Cotton

W. Davis Cotton (Louisiana—SC): I do not know if I fully understood the last statement of the gentleman, but my purpose in rising is, in view of Dr. Parlin's statement about the simultaneous announcement, it seems to me the only way that can be accomplished is by the signed or the unsigned written ballots.

Therefore, as a substitute to the original motion, I move that the vote be taken with the signed ballot.

Speaks Against Substitute

Raymond E. Balcomb (Oregon—W): I wish to speak against the substitute. There are some of us here who would like to make a witness with respect to the total plan by our public vote for or against it; and this would prevent that, so I would hope that this motion will not prevail.

Speaks in Favor of Substitute Motion

Vincent Mouser (Louisiana—SC): Mr. Chairman, I wish to speak in favor of the substitute motion offered by Mr. Cotton, that we take a secret written ballot. Personally, I have no objection whatsoever to a standing vote, an open vote, any kind of a vote. I will rest on my convictions. I don't mind resting on my convictions anyway, on this issue; but, in view of the statement by Mr. Parlin, that it was deemed appropriate, I believe, by the Commissioners that there be no public announcement of the vote until both bodies have voted, I don't see how we could effectively do that.

Although we wouldn't have an actual count of the vote, an observation of how many people stood up or how many are for the question or against the question, would be obvious, and the effect which the purpose of the rule announced by Mr. Parlin seeks to achieve would be defeated by an open vote.

So, in view of what the Commissioners think that we should do, I feel we should have—the only way to do it is to have a written ballot.

Motion to Table All Before the Conference

A delegate moved that the Conference table all before it at this time. The vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

Previous Question Moved—Ted Richardson

Ted Richardson (Southwest Texas—SC) moved the previous question. After several questions were answered, the Conference voted the previous question.

Substitute Motion Defeated

The substitute motion to take a secret ballot was defeated.

Substitute Motion Proposed—William Reid

William W. Reid (New York—NE) moved as a substitute that the vote be a written unsigned ballot. It was seconded. The vote on the substitute was taken and the substitute was defeated.

Herr Motion Adopted

The motion made by *John Herr* to vote by standing count vote was adopted. (DCA, page 966.)

Matter of Privilege—Substitute for Plan of Union

Ray Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference: I move that we express our desire to unite with the Evangelical United Brethren Church when we have integrated our racially structural Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences or have set a deadline so to do.

We further express our earnest intention to seek all possible avenues of cooperation between the churches, conferences and agencies of our two denominations in the interim.

If I may have a second, I'll speak to it.

Bishop Kennedy: It is seconded.

Mr. Ragsdale: Mr. Chairman, first of all, as a matter of personal privilege, if I may, I would like to explain last night's action when I made the motion to adjourn, that we might go to our rooms to pray.

Some of my friends wondered a little bit about my action in walking out. It was interpreted by some that this meant I was walking out on the Church. That, I would never do. I walked out, as I hoped that you might be able to do, to go to my room to pray, which is what I did.

I wanted to explain that and I appreciate the privilege of this moment to do so.

Now, after I went to my room last night, some brethren decided to call a meeting. One of these brethren called me in my room and asked me if I wanted to come to the meeting. I did, and in this meeting a number of persons from several delegations were meeting together with a common concern.

As a result of that meeting—a small group was asked to phrase a statement which could be presented to an adjourned session of that group. This morning at 6:30, this was done. I would like to read that statement.

It says, "We are sick at heart that our Negro brothers are being forced again to plead for rights which should have been theirs long ago. We feel compelled, therefore, to stand with them in working for a constitutional deadline to racially segregated structures in our Church. These segregated structures should not be projected onto the new United Church.

"We are reluctant to vote for Union, because our joy at the prospect of repairing the unity of a portion of the Body of Christ is offset by the obvious agony we are inflicting on another part of that same body.

"We implore the members of the General Conference, who are concerned with the whole Body of Christ, to join with us in seeking the will and the way to express in our Constitution the brotherliness we have so long affirmed."

This statement has, since we adopted it this morning at 6:30, been signed now by more than 160 persons who are delegates of this Conference.

Now, this is somewhat negative. This means we will say "no" to the Plan of Union. I prefer not to say "no" in its entirety; a flat, contradictory, "no." I prefer to say "yes, we do want to unite with the Evangelical United Brethren Church when we have done our washing, when we have ordered our house, when we have cleansed ourselves of this sin or have taken the definite step of setting a deadline so to do.

"In the meantime, we shall work together with them in every way we can, looking toward the ultimate consummation of this Union."

I am an ecumenist. I was a delegate to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi. I also believe in brotherhood.

These two great concerns of my life—ecumenism and brotherhood—stand at this moment in conflict and I, for one, would have to say unless I could have some alternative like this coming tomorrow, I shall have to vote against the Union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church.

Speaks Against Substitute

Raoul Calkins (Ohio—NC): I do not think that I would take second place to anyone in my concern for the ending of segregation. I think there is a basic false assumption in this statement that my friend, *Ray Ragsdale*, has just presented. It is that with Union with the E.U.B. Church it would slow down the process of the ending of segregation.

I see absolutely no evidences of this in my acquaintanceship with the E.U.B. people in terms of the attitude of this Conference, therefore, I think that we ought to certainly vote this down and I would appeal for each one of these 160 persons that have signed this statement to really prayerfully think this thing over tonight and see if they have not made a mistake in tying these two things together at this time.

Speaks Against Substitute Motion

Harold Bosley (New York—NE): I am one of those who signed that document. In signing it, I did not understand that I was obligated to vote against the Plan that we are presenting. I intend to vote for the Plan if the E.U.B.s will let us do that.

But, let me continue to say this: I am not satisfied with it. I have worked for a racially integrated Church from the beginning of my ministry and no signature on any plan or vote for any plan that falls short of that will keep me from continuing to work until by the grace of God we get the kind of church we want.

Speaks Against Substitute

DeWitt C. LeFevre (Northern New York—NE): This is my fifth General Conference. I have not had to take the floor before to make any sort of a talk, but I feel that I have to now. I have not taken the floor before because usually if I kept still long enough somebody said it better than I could say it, so I waited.

In my hometown of Beaver Falls, N. Y., setting side by side is a Methodist Church and an E.U.B. Church. These are the two churches in this village. We have cooperated through the years.

My grandparents, my father, went to this E.U.B. Church. I would be an E.U.B. if it had not been for the German language difficulty.

The people of this community are this minute in prayer vigil and they have been since eleven o'clock our time today, that the action we take may be blessed by God. Methodists and the E.U.B. alike are in this church. My daughter has been there today.

I came here with a firm conviction that this was the purpose of this Conference, to talk about this thing. I have been sorely disturbed because of the interjection of this race issue.

Now, I am not going to take off my hat to a lot of these gentlemen on this issue. The Church saw fit to let me be one of the Committee of Seventy which happened to be our section assigned to the Central

Jurisdiction and we had the hearings. If you do not remember I will refresh your mind that the hearings were not definitely set one way or another. There was a great mixture of opinion on the part of the Negro brethren, so much so that we were quite confused in making our report.

Since this time, I have been greatly honored to be a trustee of a Negro college. They have honored me in many ways. I am just as thoroughly committed to the Negro work in our Church and the Negro people as I can be.

I am very sorry to have to say it but the death of one of the best friends I ever had in the world, Bishop Harris, probably has something to do with what's going on here because there is a vacancy.

Now, gentlemen, I was thrilled in the Northeast Jurisdiction to be part of this Conference in 1964 which ended segregation in that Area. It is being done through the Church. I am convinced that the plan is working. I am convinced that we do not have to sit here and cry this thing and cry this thing and cry this thing. It is working. The Holy Spirit is behind its working. Every man and woman here practically are behind its working. Some people have to do it one way, some another. It is going to work.

Some have to do it one way and some have to do it another, but it is going to work. But, it is not going to work if we do a lot of things that frankly I do not think the Holy Spirit may be in back of.

Speaks Against Substitute

Marion Michael (Baltimore—NE): I can say this in less than three minutes.

I have been blessed. I am a superintendent of a district with ninety-seven churches—forty-eight former Central Jurisdiction, forty-nine Baltimore Conference.

It works and I beg the brethren—let's stop talking about race and do it. I am weary of it. I can give you the testimony of a wonderful year. I have found my Lord anew and I beg of our Central Jurisdiction men and everyone in this Conference, let's get on with the merger with E.U.B.s and stop talking about all the other things and move.

Previous Question Moved—Irrving L. Smith

Irving L. Smith (Oklahoma—SC) moved the previous question, and it was voted.

Closing Statement

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W): Members of the Conference, I will not take much of your time. I would just ask you to remember the eloquent speech of *Joe Lowery*.

We are now proposing to unite with a body and I hope we will. They are on our doorstep. Our Negro brothers have been on the doorstep since 1939, twenty-seven years, and we still have not truly united with them.

I know that what I am doing here is simply making my own witness, but this I must do. You must make yours and you must vote according to your conscience and I shall do the same. Thank you.

The vote was taken on the motion to substitute and it was defeated. (DCA, page 967.)

Proposal for Representatives of Committee on Ministry to Appear Before Ad Hoc Committee—Dale Hagler

Dale Hagler (Florida—SE): I think we can do this in about two minutes.

I would like to present a motion that the Ad Hoc Committee be herewith respectfully requested by this Conference to allow the chairman of the Legislative Committee and the chairman of the Quadrennial Committee to Study the Ministry and one other member of that Committee named by him, to appear before them to clarify the urgency of the constitutional matter of associate members of Annual Conferences. This is the motion.

Bishop Kennedy: Is that seconded?

It was seconded.

Dale Hagler: All right. The motion relates to the basic problem of justice for approved supply pastors of The Methodist Church who cannot become members in full connection of The United Methodist Church even though many of them have the educational qualifications that are in excess of those of our United Brethren members who will come into the Church under the Plan.

It can be done briefly to these men. We certainly feel that this kind of statement ought to be made to them.

The only thing I would add in postscript is we had one study committee. It existed for four years. It was succeeded by another. Now, if this matter is not acted upon and we do not get a different position from the other house, it will take at least another four years before anything can be done. The world is moving a little more rapidly than that.

The Conference adopted the motion. (DCA, page 969.)

Motion to Adjourn—William C. Brannon

William C. Brannon (North Alabama—SE) moved to adjourn. This was voted.

Adjournment

Bishop Kennedy called upon **Bishop Clifford Northcott** for the benediction.

Bishop Northcott: God our Father, we ask Thy blessings. We have faith to believe yet that all things work together for good.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be in our hearts. *Amen.*

The Conference adjourned at 10:40 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 a.m., November 11, 1966.

FOURTH DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1966
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Roy H. Short, Presiding

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference was convened for its morning session on the fourth day, Friday, November 11, 1966 at 8:30 a.m. in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Louisville Area, presiding.

Devotional Service—Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri

Bishop Barbieri: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen!

The Conference stood and sang "O Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord."

Bishop Barbieri: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, for the Lord is a great God. In His hands are all the corners of the earth, the sea, and He made it.

O, come, let us worship and fall down, for He is the Lord our God, all would shift the load in the beauty of holiness, for He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth.

The Conference stood and sang "Awake, Awake to Love and Work."

Bishop Barbieri: The lesson from the Scripture will be found in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 21, the first seven verses:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

May God bless in our hearts this precious reading of His Scripture.

God, the eternal Creator. "Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5.

Bishop Barbieri delivered a devotional message. (See Appendix, page 3141.)

Bishop Short: I'm sure the Conference would want me to express your appreciation for this very hopeful devotion.

Matter of Privilege—J. Earl Moreland

J. Earl Moreland (Virginia—SE): In a busy session like this, we might pause for one minute for a personal privilege.

Forty-one years ago, this remarkable but humble leader of the Church received the first two degrees that were ever conferred in our Methodist College in South Brazil.

During the intervening years, he has become a great leader of the world church. He speaks six languages equally fluently; served with distinction for six years as president of the World Council of Churches; and is the only man I know who belongs to the Academy of Letters in two countries and two languages.

This is a work of the fruits of the Board.

Report of Committee on Journal—William James

William James (New York—NE): Bishop Short and the members of the Conference, the Committee on Journal has examined the journal records for the evening session on Wednesday, November 9, the morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday, November 10.

This record is correct, except for minor editorial changes, which are being made by the *Journal* secretary. I move its adoption.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 970; see Appendix, page 2933.)

William James (New York—NE): Bishop Short, the Committee recommends that the *Journal* secretariat be empowered to make necessary corrections for the *Journal* record for the evening session on Tuesday, November 8—the sessions on Thursday, November 10, and the sessions on Friday, November 11. I move its adoption.

This recommendation was approved.

William James (New York—NE): I would just like to say a word of appreciation to this Committee that has worked so hard, sometimes in the late evenings and on into the night, on these records.

I would like to say that they go through this twice. They listen to it here and then they have to read it again. Sometimes, in our meetings, we look at what even Bishops say and someone says, "Well, we'll have to straighten the bishop out on what he said."

I want to express my appreciation for these people who have worked with me so hard in this task. Thank you.

Report of Agenda Committee—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, and members of the Conference, I should like to move the adoption of the Agenda as found in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, with this modification, that this Conference fix the order of the day at 10:30 this morning for the casting of our vote on Union with the E.U.B. Church, and that following the receiving of that vote, we be dismissed but return at

12 o'clock, at which time we shall hear the results simultaneously with this Conference and the E.U.B. Conference.

This was ordered. (DCA, page 970; see Appendix, page 2915.)

J. Otis Young: Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference, the resolution I am going to present has been cleared with the Entertainment Commission, the Agenda Committee, and Council of Churches.

Today, November the 11th, is observed in the United States as Veterans' Day. We realize that this General Conference is an international assembly, representing many nations.

However, we feel every nation pauses at some time to pay respect to its honored dead, and that all nations are interested in world peace.

Therefore, I should like to move that this Conference stand and pause for one minute of silence, followed by prayer offered by Bishop O. Eugene Slater, in the interest of brotherhood and world peace.

I would further recommend that if this Conference is still in session the time for this observance be 11:00 a.m. If we are not in session at 11:00 o'clock, that the time be just before we adjourn.

This proposal was adopted.

Report of Committee on Credentials—Paul M. Hann

Paul M. Hann (South Iowa—NC): Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference, the Committee on Credentials has met and approved the changes made in the seating of the delegates reported by the chairmen of the Annual Conference delegations, Thursday, November 10, 1966.

The delegates' names will appear in the proper form in the *Journal*. I move the adoption of this report.

Bishop Short, may I also express a word of appreciation to the members of the Credentials Committee, who have worked to prepare and to check these different seating arrangements.

Dr. Ernest Dixon is our vice-president; Miss Margaret Currie is our secretary; and working on the Committee: *Dr. Lowell Jones*, *Dr. Offie Hathaway*, and Mr. Rosmund A. Smart from North India.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 970; see Appendix, page 2930.)

Report of Committee on Presiding Officers—Dennis Fletcher

Dennis Fletcher (Delaware—C): I would like to thank the members of the Committee who served so faithfully in selecting the presiding officers, and also express on behalf of the Committee, our appreciation to the Bishops who have agreed to preside.

I discovered some of them did not like the idea of presiding and insisted that they not be requested, and in those cases, we have respected their request.

I'd like to announce the presiding officer for this morning is Bishop Roy H. Short, and I understand there is some hope that we may adjourn this morning.

If we do not adjourn this morning, then I will announce the presiding officer for the remainder of the day. (DCA, page 970; see Appendix, page 2935.)

Report of Committee on Courtesies and Privileges—John Bailey Jones

John Bailey Jones (Baltimore—NE): I move the secretary be instructed to send greetings and best wishes to Bishop James A. Straughn, who was very active and certainly would like to have been here at as auspicious an occasion as this. Active in the Unification in 1939, he was the one living member of the three who symbolically joined hands at that time.

The motion was adopted. (DCA, page 970; see Appendix, page 2918.)

Parliamentary Inquiry—Arthur Fleming

Arthur Fleming (Oregon—W): This is in the nature of a parliamentary inquiry.

After we adjourned last evening, some of us were discussing the motion that was passed, which will make it possible for persons to vote for or against or abstain from voting on the Plan of Union.

The question was raised as to whether or not, in determining whether or not it had been passed by a two-thirds vote, those who abstain are to be counted in the total vote.

Now, this matter may have been resolved, but if there is any doubt about it, it seems to me that at this point we might refer it to the Judicial Council for a ruling. But I simply raise the question with you, Mr. Chairman, to see whether or not there is anything that should be done to clarify that matter before the hour of 10:30.

The answer was given that the question has been referred to the Judicial Council for a ruling.

Committee of Chairman—Willis M. Tate

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC): We have seven Committees to report. I think we can do it in a hurry.

In order to save your time, I would like to propose a blanket motion for the Conference to approve all Legislative Committee recommendations on nonconcurrency.

The motion was approved. (DCA, page 971; see Appendix, page 3002.)

Report No. 2—Committee on Publishing Interests—Carl Sanders

Carl Sanders (Virginia—SE): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference. If you turn in the *Daily Advocate* to page 835 and beginning—your document—the Plan of Union, page 163, we might move very rapidly through this report.

This is Report Number 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests.

We have been given the responsibility of Paragraphs from 851 through 902, of the Plan of Union. In Paragraph 860, in the Plan of Union, on page 165, the Committee would like to amend the paragraph with the following words to be included at the end of the paragraph: the three words "Within financial limitations"—Paragraph 860, on page 165, the three words "Within financial limitations," making the paragraph to read:

"The board shall cause all legal and moral obligations of the former Board of Publication of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the former Board of Publication of The Methodist Church now existing, including specifically legal and moral obligations to em-

ployees, to be met, fulfilled, and performed, within financial limitations."

The reason for the addition of these three words is as follows: Approximately 75 percent of the work of the two publishing houses of the Evangelical United Brethren Church is commercial printing.

Now, The Methodist Publishing House does not engage substantially in commercial printing, and we feel that when the Union comes, the merger comes, that in all probability we will not be able to continue the commercial printing, simply because The Methodist Publishing House is not now under the Internal Revenue for Federal income tax.

The Evangelical United Brethren Board of Publication has not, thus far, come under the income tax because they are a much smaller organization.

Now, we have no guarantee that these commercial contracts will be continued. We have no guarantee that we want to continue them and, therefore, we feel that the three words "Within financial limitations" should be added to this paragraph.

We have no desire to shirk any moral or legal obligation. We do not want, however, to be under obligation in the event that the commercial contracts are cancelled, and that is the reason for the addition of the three words.

Mr. Chairman, I move its adoption.

Inquiry—Henry High

Henry High (West Virginia—SE): May I ask, *Mr. Sanders*, that since the employees of the publishing establishment have been cared for, have any provisions been made to care for Conference claimants who are dependent upon the profits of these publishing interests?

Dr. Sanders: The fifth restrictive rule is that the General Conference shall not change the net income from the publishing house that goes to Conference claimants. It will still go to Conference claimants.

Speaks Against Amendment Proposed in Report No. 2

Vincent Mouser (Louisiana—SC): I simply request whether, as a matter of principle, this proposed United Church should go on record as saying it will limit its commitments, its fulfillment of legal or moral obligations by financial limitations.

I feel that a legal obligation should be adhered to, and we shouldn't, in advance, say we will adhere to it if we can, but if we can't, we won't. By the same token, I feel that a religious body such as we are creating and such as the two from which the creation is being made should not in like manner limit its commitment to its moral obligations, and for that reason, I oppose this amendment.

Request for Clarification

Truman Potter (West Virginia—NE): I think *Mr. Sanders* misunderstood the question asked by *Mr. High*. The question is: Where, if there is unification, will the annuities which now support the pension program—from what source will the annuities come if we get out of commercial work?

Dr. Sanders: The annuities will come, *Dr. Potter*, from the net income of The Methodist Publishing House.

The Methodist Publishing House, at the moment, has appropriated \$700,000.00 annually for the annuities.

After the appropriation is made from The Methodist Publishing House, then the rate is in the hands of the Board of Pensions.

Mr. Potter: I understand that, sir. Now, I understand there is a

major amount coming from the publishing interests of the E.U.B. Church.

How will this sum be made up? Will this be absorbed by The Methodist Publishing House?

Dr. Sanders: We cannot guarantee, of course, that the same amount will be given to the Evangelical United Brethren Conference claimants, but they will share through their Conferences as the Methodist ministers are now sharing.

Request for Explanation from Methodist Publishing House

W. Nelson Guthrie (North Alabama—SE): I think, in fairness to the Conference, if Dr. Lovick Pierce is here, our publishing agent, we should hear from him.

I have talked to him as to matters in this situation that he should know about. I'd like to hear Dr. Pierce's report on it.

In the absence of Dr. Lovick Pierce, *Dr. Guthrie* continued:

I talked to Dr. Pierce about this matter. I am on the Committee on Pensions.

They are depending on the E.U.B. for \$450,000.00 a year net income for their Conference claimants, under the program they are working under in commercial printing.

He tells me that The Methodist Publishing House—he does not believe—can carry on in the same manner and net the same profit; and also, he tells me that there certainly can be no commitment regarding those that work for the E.U.B. Publishing House at this time.

Speaks Against the Report—John H. Rixse, Jr.

John H. Rixse, Jr. (Virginia—SE): I arise to speak against the addition for the simple reason that if we are going into Union, we should share and share alike in the result of the Union, and thereafter we should adjust our legal and moral commitments within our financial obligations, but I do not think that we should include in our proposed *Discipline* something that will be retroactive.

Speaks in Favor of Report—Charles Sayre

Charles Sayre (Southern New Jersey—NE): I think it is rather urgent that this body understand the rather excruciating position of the publishing house in this matter.

It is almost impossible for the publishing house to engage in activities which are now netting hundreds of thousands of dollars to the E.U.B., and do so under the tax exemptions which we now have. Other bodies, such as the Lutheran Publishing House, merging with smaller houses, have had immediately to discontinue the practice of doing commercial printing which would seem to be in violation of the separation of church and state. It is almost inevitable that we will have to discontinue in that way.

Now, when this happens, we have a large commitment to the pensioners of the Church. The publishing house will have an income of many hundreds of thousands of dollars less. It's got to try to do the best it can to meet the pension requirements. And to meet a built-in guarantee that all employees now carried in the enterprises which they are sustaining, commercial printing must be carried on, as this motion would imply, would simply put the publishing house

in an impossible situation. I think that with any degree of moral sensitivity to the situation of the pensioners of the E.U.B. Church, we must uphold this motion.

Inquiry

Clytus Mowry (Western New York—NE): I would like to ask if there is any reason why the publishing interests of the E.U.B. could not be incorporated separately, and thereby avoid the tax lien against the Methodist Publishing House?

Mr. Sanders: It has been suggested, sir, and the Methodist Publishing House will talk with the Board of Publication from the E.U.B., to see if this would be possible.

Mr. Mowry: If this could be done, I would certainly favor not adding these words.

Further Discussion

Henry High (West Virginia—NE): It was my understanding that approximately \$450,000 pension claims of the E.U.B. Church is to be a prior claim on the profits of the United Methodist Publishing Interests?

Mr. Sanders: No, sir, it will not be a prior claim.

Dr. Pierce in our Committee indicated to us that, in the Ad Hoc Committee, the E.U.B. Church desired the \$450,000 that they now appropriate to be a prior claim. Dr. Pierce said that he could not agree to a prior claim, simply because the Methodist Publishing House could not guarantee a certain amount or a definite amount each year because net income varies, and if a prior claim had been established it would penalize the former Methodist ministers, Methodist Conference claimants, and the E.U.B. would be favored; and that we could not agree to a prior claim.

Report No. 2—Publishing Interests—Adopted

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Publishing Interests was put to a vote and was adopted. (DCA, page 972; see Appendix, page 2988.)

Inquiry Relative to Financial Liabilities of Union—Robert Preusch

Robert Preusch (New York—NE): Mr. Chairman, I have a question I would like to ask before we vote today on Union. The question is as follows:

No one has made any report that I have heard concerning the finances of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. I don't know whether they are solvent or not. I don't know what kind of liabilities we are taking on, and I am concerned as follows:

Will there be substantial changes in the apportionment to our churches?

Will this be a drain on world service and other programs in our Church?

I am concerned. When—are we going to get a financial plan after the fact, so we first vote Union, and then discover we may have substantial liabilities in our laps; and that we may also have to jeopardize our program?

I was wondering just where we stand on this.

Bishop Short: This is a question Dr. Parlin could answer; and then, we will return to the report of the Committee.

Mr. Parlin: I believe The Methodist Church has no basis for fear. Perhaps it is the other way around. The annual rate of giving per capita of the Evangelical United Brethren Church currently is \$78 per year. The current rate for The Methodist Church is \$56.

Mr. Preusch: Pardon me, I don't think it is a complete answer. I think it makes little difference just what our average giving is. The answer to the question I want is not only the giving level; but are the obligations and assets of the Evangelical United Brethren Church such that they will not jeopardize our financial program?

Mr. Parlin: They are entirely solvent. The Evangelical United Brethren Church is made up traditionally of the German stock. They are a thrifty, hardy group; and they are in sound financial condition.

Claude Garrison (Ohio—NC): This is very germane to what is before us. This relates to the matter that I brought to the floor of the Conference last night, concerning the financial structures of our two pension plans.

I respect very greatly the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, and I am amazed that he even has the human strength to stay with this General Conference in all that has pertained to the work of his Committee. But, I do not believe the answer which he has given us at this point is really to the point. We recognize the per capita giving in many sections of their Church is above ours, but I also point out the fact that this action that is before you has to do with the real financial structure, in this particular instance of the pension structures of the Church.

We asked last night that this be a matter of record and fact before the Methodist General Conference and I think our brother's question is germane. I believe that the hesitancy will come at the point as to whether or not we are entering into a pension structure that is sound, and I think that the recommendations of the Board of Publication has something to do with this.

I would remind this Conference that the \$700,000 now being given by the Board of Publication is out of their profits. Sometimes they make enough to do this; and sometimes they do not, but this is not a guaranteed amount. It could be less, it could be more. But for us to enter into any kind of a structure which would, in advance, say that \$450,000 is to be earmarked and to be guaranteed for the pension structure of the Church, is entirely unreasonable and is something we have never guaranteed to our own pension structure.

Report of Committee on Publishing Interests Continued

Carl Sanders (Virginia—SE): Mr. Chairman, we refer to the Ad Hoc Committee four concerns. I will not read them, but we merely refer them for study to the Ad Hoc Committee.

This completes the report of the Publishing Interests Committee.

The Conference approved reference of these reports to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Referral of Voting Question to Judicial Council

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC): I got the wrong signal a minute ago, and I find it has not been referred to the Judicial Council to interpret the voting matter that was brought to the floor.

And, Mr. Chairman, I move that this Conference refer this matter to the Judicial Council for report before we vote.

This was voted.

Report from Judicial Council—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC): Mr. Chairman, Members of the General Conference, we are not accustomed to making decisions this quickly. But I do have a decision before me in answer to a matter which you referred to us yesterday, which concerns the necessity of a three-fourths vote in the Annual Conferences for the adoption of the Plan of Union and Constitution. This should have been, or we hoped it would have been in the *Advocate* this morning, but, not being there, we thought you wanted it to come to a decision. I take it you would not want the entire decision read, but simply an indication of what the decision is, and perhaps a word or two of how we reached it.

This is in answer to the request of the General Conference asking for a declaratory decision determining whether the proposed Constitution under the Plan of Union of the Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren Church would require, for its adoption by The Methodist Church, a three-fourths majority vote of the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting. This arose—this question arose out of the doubt in the minds of some, I think, that the inclusion of the Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church, and the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, were to appear side by side under the new Constitution, and thus, possibly violate paragraph 9.1 of the *Discipline*, which is the first restrictive rule.

"The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion, or establish any new standard or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine."

Now, the Judicial Council felt—it is divided—into two questions. One, does the proposal of the Ad Hoc Committee, which does include both the Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church, and the Statement of Faith of the E.U.B. within the Plan of Union, "revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion?"

This question, we can answer very clearly in the negative.

The second question was involved in theological and doctrinal matters, in which the Judicial Council never involved itself.

The question being: does the said proposal establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present established standards of doctrine?

Now, in answer to this, we felt that the General Conference is the only body competent to construe it; and we rested it entirely in answer to our second question, upon your adoption at some time—we don't know when—because we haven't been here—in which you stated, under Doctrinal Statements and General Rules, the Confession, the Articles of Religion, and the "Wesleyan Standards," are thus being congruent, if not identical in their doctrinal perspective, and not in conflict.

On the basis of our own judgment with reference to the first question, and your own judgment with reference to the second, we reached this decision.

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the proposed Plan of Union of the Methodists and of the Evangelical United Brethren Churches embracing a new Constitution for the United Church, made in a Methodist General Conference, be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting as provided in the Constitution of The Methodist Church, paragraph 10.2, 1964 *Discipline*.

It was reported that one member of the Judicial Council dissented from the decision.

Report of Committee on Hospitals and Homes—Harvey H. Potthoff

Harvey H. Potthoff (Rocky Mountain—W): Mr. Chairman and friends, this is a brief report.

If you will turn to page 836 of the *Daily Advocate*, the Committee on Hospitals and Homes, Calendar No. 40, Paragraphs 1401 to 1422 of the Plan of Union were referred to this Committee.

The Committee has voted that these paragraphs be approved in principle, with reference to the Ad Hoc Committee, and I so move.

Calendar Report 40 was referred to the Ad Hoc Committee. (DCA, page 974; see Appendix, page 2991.)

Calendar Reports 38 and 39 Presented and Referred

Harvey H. Potthoff (Rocky Mountain—W): Calendar items 38 and 39 involved a Petition, or Petitions approving a change of name of the Board of Hospitals and Homes to the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. Calendar 38, report number one, would make this a part of the Plan of Union.

The Committee looks on this with favor, and voted concurrence with referral to the Ad Hoc Committee for further study—and so move.

Substitute Motion Offered—Frederick K. Kirchner

Frederick K. Kirchner (Troy—NE): I would like to amend the recommendation of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes, to read that Item No. 38 be referred without prejudice to the Ad Hoc Committee for further study.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Kirchner: I do not want to take the time of this Conference, realizing you have other things, but if Mrs. Dorothy Baker of the Woman's Division is here on the Conference floor, she may wish to comment.

Mrs. Dorothy Baker (Ohio—NC): I was going to make a substitute myself.

Yes, I would like to speak to this, because he understands, and he has given the name as the Board of Health and Welfare Service.

On pages 184 and 185 in the Plan of Union, you will find there in the Board of Missions, a Service Unit. In this particular Unit, there are gaps of service in social welfare, children's homes, and Methodist work, and educational work. These are projects for which the Woman's Division has provided funds through the National Division, and, I think, this would be confusing if this name were used.

So, I would like to support the substitute motion and refer it to the Ad Hoc Committee without prejudice.

Speaks in Opposition to Amendment—Raymond J. Cooke

Raymond J. Cooke (Peninsula—NE): I am a member of the Legislative Committee of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

We are quite anxious that the name of this Board of the General Conference of the Church more adequately describe the function that the *Discipline* now ascribes to this Board and to the work which it is now doing.

We hope that this General Conference will support the original recommendation urging that this name be studied to be more adequately meaningful. I am opposed to this amendment.

Harvey H. Potthoff (Rocky Mountain—W): I should like to call attention to the fact that in the 1964 *Discipline* and '40 and '48, and the proposed Plan of Union, paragraph 1409, the Board of Hospitals and Homes is charged with "direct services." This is a quotation. And together with "the Board of Christian Social Concerns. . . . carry a joint responsibility for community health and welfare planning."

Also in the proposed Plan of Union, there is a statement that this clarification of responsibility shall not be interpreted as affecting the function and role of the Board of Missions.

Mrs. Dorothy Baker (Ohio—NC): I understand this, sir, but I do think this is confusing for the—I would say local church or local woman's societies, in this case, and I think the Ad Hoc Committee ought to take this into consideration. So I would still like to support the substitute.

Speaks in Favor of Report—Robert H. Duncan

Robert H. Duncan (Holston—SE): The question has been raised as to why would this Board be interested in changing its name from Hospitals and Homes to the Health and Welfare Ministries or Services.

I think this Conference is entitled to know why the board is thus interested. The answer is that the board is now trying to minister to people whether they are in hospitals or homes or not.

In many cases we are finding, and our medical staff will agree with us and help us reach these decisions and our social welfare workers, case workers many times it is far better for the person involved to be helped and still stay in his own home rather than go to an institution, to a hospital or to a home.

Many services by homes, for instance for the retired, are being provided people who need help as, for instance, meals on wheels, people who need some help but have a home and can be kept there with some help from the nearby home for the retired.

The same thing is true in hospital care. Patient care may be much better than putting the person in the hospital. This would still be the Board of Hospitals and Homes trying to render this kind of service and, therefore, it would more nearly—this name would more nearly describe what it does.

I am opposed to the Amendment.

Speaks in Favor of Substitute—Mrs. Haskell E. Arterburn

Mrs. Haskell E. Arterburn (Louisville—SE): I would like to support the substitute. I don't think anyone is opposed to the name of the Board of Hospitals and Homes being changed. It's the specific name at this time and to support the substitute would allow the Committee time to work on an acceptable name. I don't think we have to decide on an exact name here and we can still support the substitute.

Substitute Motion Adopted

The vote on the substitute motion was taken and the substitute carried.

The substitute as the main motion was put to vote and was carried. (DCA, page 759; see Appendix, page 2990.)

Calendar No. 39—Presented and Tabled

Harvey H. Potthoff (Rocky Mountain—W): The other Petition referred to, Calendar 39 has to do with proposed change of the name. It was suggested it be made effective immediately. This is not apparently feasible. The Committee did not want to vote concurrence. It did not want to vote nonconcurrence and prejudice the matter so the motion is that this be tabled. I so move.

The Conference voted to table the Petition. (DCA, page 979; see Appendix, page 2990.)

Report of Committee on Interdenominational Relations and Activities

Wilson Weldon (Western North Carolina—SE): Bishop Short and members of the Conference on Page 831 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* are the reports from the Legislative Committee on Interdenominational Relations.

Calendar Number Two, which is Report Number Two concerns the reference of Paragraphs 1457 of the Plan of Union which concerns the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, Paragraphs 1502 consecutively through 1506, which concern the several interdenominational activities or groups related to our Church and the Committee recommends concurrence with these Paragraphs.

Calendar Report No. 2 was referred by vote to the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs. (DCA, page 979; see Appendix, page 2993.)

Calendar No. 3—Presented and Adopted

Wilson Weldon: On the same page, Calendar Number 3, Report Number 3 concerns a statement of concurrence in which we reaffirm continuing interest and good faith regarding the current Consultation on Church Union negotiations and the Committee recommends concurrence.

Question for Clarification—Harold Bosley

Harold Bosley (New York—NE): I do not know whether the reporting chairman is in a position to answer this or not but I have a question. It grew out of a statement that *Dr. Outler* made here yesterday, that I think needs some clarification, in which he gave the impression, whether he intended it or not, that the General Conference had already committed itself in some way or other to a program of a complete recasting of our entire creedal and ecclesiastical structure as a condition of the negotiations now going on.

Now, I am all in favor of the negotiations. I am asking for information.

Have we by an Act of the General Conference placed in the hands of our Committee on Church Union a—have we given them the kind of freedom that I thought was inferred? I may have misunderstood *Dr. Outler*. I'd like some clarification because this report you are making deals directly with that.

Dr. Weldon: The chairman does not have any specific information on that. It is our understanding that when we created the Commission on

Ecumenical Affairs in '64 that the total matter of handling these negotiations was in their hands so perhaps someone from that Commission might be able to answer.

Bishop Short: Would the chairman like *Dr. Outler* to reply to *Dr. Bosley*? *Dr. Outler*, would you mind—is he here?

Albert C. Outler (North Texas—SC): Mr. Chairman, as far as I can understand the question, it must refer to my reference yesterday that the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs is undertaking the preparation of a statement on Methodism's ecumenical stance and commitment for submission to the Conference of 1968.

We understand our mandate from the Conference of 1964 to include the authority to examine and to propose various forms and ventures in ecumenical statement, in ecumenical consultation. We have no authority to conduct negotiations and have undertaken none. We have no authority to attempt a recommendation of creedal or doctrinal statements and we have repeatedly affirmed our fundamental loyalty to the "Wesleyan Standards."

I don't know how often one has to say that, but let me say again, because I am very happy to do so, what we are doing, and whether we bring it off or not is still open and problematic, is to try to prepare a statement that represents, as well as we can find out by wide consultation, ventilation, correspondence and discussion, a statement of stance, attitude, expectation and commitment on which the General Conference can act that will provide an authoritative basis for further ecumenical consultation and negotiation, if any.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 980; see Appendix, page 2993.)

Report No. 5 Presented and Adopted

Wilson Weldon: Report No. 5, Calendar No. 5 which is a statement of continuing and enlarging Union procedure with the A.M.E., and A.M.E. Zion, and C.M.E. Churches.

It is recommended for concurrence with our understanding that this is a statement making specific that these be included in Conferences.

The report was approved. (DCA, page 980; see Appendix, page 2993.)

Report No. 6 Presented and Adopted

Wilson Weldon: Report No. 6 is a statement on the unity of the Church and we recommend its referral to the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs. It's an error there. There is no such thing as "Commission on Relations."

The report was referred to the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs. (DCA, page 980; see Appendix, page 2994.)

Committee Report No. 4 was for nonconcurrence and was covered by the blanket motion relating to nonconcurrence reports. (See Appendix, page 2993.)

Report of Committee on Judicial Administration—Lyle Truax

Lyle Truax (Pacific Northwest—W): Would you kindly turn to page 889 of the *Advocate*, Report No. 3 of the Committee on Judicial Administration and Enabling Acts?

The Committee was assigned the review of the Judicial Council and the trial procedures. The Committee carefully examined these matters and found them to be in concurrence in principle except for a few minor suggestions.

The suggestions are there listed on page 889 and we, therefore, refer this matter to the Ad Hoc Committee for further consideration, together with our suggestions. And I so move.

The report was approved. (DCA, page 980; see Appendix, page 2996.)

Enabling Act Proposed

Lyle Truax (Pacific Northwest—W): One of the works of the Judicial Administration and Enabling Act Committee is to present to the Conference, Enabling Acts to carry on the business of the Conference and we have an Enabling Act to present to you. I will read it.

"Be it resolved by this General Conference that all acts in fulfillment of duties performed under assignment by the Council of Bishops, by former Bishops in overseas areas who are serving under assignment by the Council of Bishops according to Paragraph 424 of the *Discipline*, between the adjournment of the General Conference of 1964 and the adjournment of this Adjourned Session are, and are hereby declared to be valid."

And I move its adoption.

This Enabling Act was adopted. (See DCA, page 980.)

Report of Committee on the Local Church—Merlyn W. Northfelt

Merlyn W. Northfelt (Rock River—NC): If you will turn in your *Daily Christian Advocate* to page 836, Calendar No. 42, four Petitions are referred to the Commission on Worship and I so move.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 980; see Appendix, page 2997.)

Calendar Report No. 44—Committee on the Local Church

Merlyn Northfelt: Calendar 43 has been cared for. Calendar 44 is an addition to the description of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee that is now in the Plan of Union.

The significant addition is that the Committee shall function also in the capacity of our present Pastoral Relations Committee in advising both pastor and superintendent and bishop regarding a change of pastors. This is not in the present Plan of Union. We recommend that it be. I so move.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 980; see Appendix, page 2998.)

Calendar Reports 46, 47, 48 and 49 Referred

Merlyn Northfelt: The Calendar No. 46 Petition is 112 and also Calendar 47, Calendar 48 and Calendar 49 which are Petitions 112, 113, 116 and 221.

We move referral to the Interboard Commission on the Local Church.

These four reports were referred. (DCA, page 980; see Appendix, pages 2999, 3000.)

Calendar Report No. 45 Presented and Explained

Merlyn Northfelt: I think in fairness to the Conference the other one, 45, ought to be read so they are aware of the fine print. After I read it I'd like to have just a moment to explain why it's here.

The Committee on the Local Church was unanimous in the following recommendations:

"We recommend that Paragraphs 101 to 203—which is the section on the Local Church—and 725 to 733—which is a section on the Local Church Program Council of the Plan of Union—be referred to the Interboard Commission on the Local Church which was authorized by the 1964 General Conference to make a study of the structure of the local church and to make a report to the Legislative Committee on the Local Church in the 1968 General Conference.

"We further recommend that an in-depth study be made in cooperation with the subcommittee on the local church of the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B. union and that the Council on World Service and Finance be requested to provide adequate financing."

If I have a second I will explain what it means.

Bishop Short: Yes, you have it.

Mr. Northfelt: In 1964 the Committee on the Local Church received far too many memorials to deal with constructively. It came down to a matter of tinkering with the *Discipline* in various ways, some of which were very important and others quite unessential.

This body authorized the Interboard Commission on the Local Church to create a committee to spend this quadrennium in a serious in-depth study on the structure of the local church, taking into mind the new directions in which we were going and considering various implications of the task of the Church.

This committee has been created by the Interboard Commission. It has not had funds to operate. It has developed a plan of action which would include an opportunity for people clear across the Church to have a voice in what will be proposed to the '68 General Conference.

The committee has been immobilized because of the lack of financing and we feel in the Local Church Legislative Committee that this Committee of the Interboard should have the opportunity to do an in-depth study between now and May or April of 1968.

Every other major section of the church—missions, pensions, social concerns, et cetera—has a major Board to be concerned about the interests of that particular subject. We suggest it would be wise to have an independent committee that would be—has been appointed to see this matter through this quadrennium. I move the adoption of this report.

Raoul C. Calkins (Ohio—NC) asked for a definition of "adequate financing."

Merlyn Northfelt: Well, maybe we ought to ask the Chairman of the Interboard Commission what the plan has been in the past which would have to be rather seriously cut back because of the lack of time now. If the Conference would so order, Bishop Short, this happens to be one of the bishops of the Church and I'd like to—

Bishop Short: Will the Conference agree to hear Bishop Pryor on this matter? If you will grant the floor to Bishop Pryor—

Bishop Thomas M. Pryor: Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference, this action which was authorized at the last General Conference was taken seriously by the Interboard Commission on the Local Church,

We tried to utilize the resources that the general Church has set up and asked World Service and Finance, the Council through their Department of Research, to bring to the attention of the Interboard Commission an adequate outline of what it would take to do this in-depth study.

As you recall, there were at least forty petitions asking that we tinker with the *Discipline* in terms of the Local Church and to look at this thing adequately we felt it would take a minimum, at that time to do an in-depth study, of two hundred thousand dollars.

This was impossible, so we came to World Service and asked for fifty thousand. If the Conference could see its way clear to grant fifty thousand dollars for this job, I think you would have before you in 1968 legislation on which the general Church would be put in proper perspective. The total community would be heard from and, more importantly, we would be able to hear from the grass-roots at every level in terms of what does it take to make these boards and agencies work adequately at the local church level.

You know, so often we get to feeling that this thing is an inverted pyramid; that we exist for the boards and agencies when, as a matter of fact, the local church is the apex of this whole triangle and should be so viewed. This is what the study would attempt.

Raoul C. Calkins (Ohio—NC) requested a statement from the Council on World Service and Finance as to whether the money is available.

Bishop Paul Martin, Chairman of the Council on World Service and Finance, assured the Conference that the twenty thousand dollars being requested could be provided.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 981; see Appendix, page 2999.)

Report of the Committee on Ritual and Order of Worship

Amos A. Thornburg (Rock River—NC): Bishop Short and members of the Conference, page 835, Calendar No. 35, the reference concerning the Plan of Union, which is the definition of the foundation and scope and influence of the Commission on Worship. We recommend approval unanimously.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 981; see Appendix, page 3001.)

Calendar Report No. 36 Presented and Adopted

Amos A. Thornburg: Calendar No. 36, there are some infelicities in the use of the word "confirmation" and this is Petition No. 123. The Committee votes concurrence and reference to the Ad Hoc Committee and I so move.

The report was adopted. (DCA, page 981; see Appendix, page 3001.)

Resolution from Committee on Ritual and Order of Worship

Hoover Rupert (Detroit—NC): Bishop Short, members of the Conference, perhaps a word of preface before I read the resolution.

Representatives of the Commission on Worship met with our Legislative Committee to share with us the concern with regard to the work of that Commission.

You will recognize that there has been a stepped up interest in the field of worship with the issue of the new *Book of Worship* and the new *Methodist Hymnal*.

It is reported to us that the Commission members have been swamped with requests for service, guidance, information, and leadership. I would remind you that this is the only General Commission in the Church that does not have an employed staff. Therefore, it works only on voluntary personnel.

It has not, heretofore, been represented in the Council of Secretaries but by action of this Conference on the previous legislative proposal that representation will now be assured.

I bring to you this resolution from the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship.

"The enthusiastic reception of the new *Methodist Hymnal* and new *Book of Worship* throughout The Methodist Church has brought evidence of a widespread interest in more vital private and public worship. Along with this has been discovered a new widespread need for guidance, training and information in the area of corporate worship.

"In view of the liturgical revival in the ecumenical movement and increasing requests from pastors and laymen for denominational help and in view of the apparent impossibility of meeting these felt and expressed needs through the completely voluntary nature of leadership and personnel and the Commission on Worship who are laboring long and earnestly, be it resolved by this Session of the General Conference that we request the Commission on Worship to study the best means for meeting this widespread need and to bring to the 1968 General Conference definite plans and programs for more effective fulfillment of its functions as a Commission as detailed in the *Methodist Discipline*, Paragraphs number 1568 and 1569."

I move, sir, the adoption of this resolution.

This resolution was adopted.

Report of Committee of Chairmen—Willis M. Tate

Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC): Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference, you will remember that we set the Ad Hoc Committee as a Legislative Committee of this Conference and they will make the final report. All the Standing Legislative Committees have made their reports and completed the calendars.

Would you permit me a word of gratitude to these Committees, when you consider that in a very few days we have not only perfected a Constitution for a new Church but absolutely reviewed all of the *Discipline* of the entire Church in a very diligent, comprehensive and knowledgeable way?

Let me also thank this General Conference for being at their work with responsible diligence. Your good judgment, your wonderful sense of humor and your untiring patience have been an inspiration to all of us who have worked with you.

May I also say a word of comment on the marvelous presiding officers we have had and last, but by no means least, may I now present the chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee who will perfect his calendar and then clear up the matters of negotiation?

I think all of us will agree that this Church Union, if it stands, will be a memorial to this man and I am pleased to present the last Chairman of the last Committee to make its report, -Mr. Charles Parlin. (DCA, page 982; see Appendix, page 2916.)

Report of Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision

Emory Bucke, Chairman: We have a technicality on which the house will need to give instruction.

The resolution which you passed a few moments ago to amend the 1964 *Discipline* would create quite an interesting new *Discipline* since it would be the only thing you would be putting in the 1964 *Discipline*. And this has to do with a proposal that the Council of Secretaries should be enlarged to include the chief executive of the Commission on Worship.

It is my hope since I am not a member, and you have kicked me on and off several committees during this session, that you might refer this to the Ad Hoc Committee. I assume it would mean reconsideration. Frankly, we do not know what to do with it in the 1964 *Discipline*. That is our request.

Upon motion of *Amos A. Thornburg*, the report in question was referred to the Ad Hoc Committee. (DCA, page 982; see Appendix, page 2917.)

Report of Ad Hoc Committee

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE): *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 889, Docket Number 84.

We recommend nonconcurrence with the series of Petitions which have suggested a name of the Church other than The United Methodist Church. I move adoption of the nonconcurrence.

Nonconcurrence was voted on Calendar Report No. 84. (DCA, page 982; see Appendix, page 3003.)

Calendar Report No. 85 Presented

Charles C. Parlin: Docket 85. We had several resolutions dealing with augmentation of the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee. We accepted those in principle, but suggested the addition of three members in due time and proper place.

The Ad Hoc Committee will make a motion for the augmentation of its own membership. I move adoption of this report.

The report was approved. (DCA, page 982; see Appendix, page 3004.)

Ad Hoc Committee Report Continued

Charles C. Parlin: I think the last item to come before us from the E.U.B. we cleared past midnight last night.

Plan of Union, brown-covered book, page 13.

The Committee on the Ministry last night moved that they be given a right to appear before the Ad Hoc Committee. I frankly, misunderstood that. I thought it would be the Ad Hoc Committee at its next meeting which may be in thirty or sixty days.

It developed that they meant to appear before the liaison committee which was meeting last night and we did meet and slightly around a little past, perhaps, midnight we finally worked this thing out.

What the Committee—Methodist Committee on Ministry is doing is trying to finalize its report and it wants leeway as to the definition of terms in the ministry. This has nothing to do directly with orders. This is all in the hands of this Committee and the E.U.B.s have accepted the suggestion of setting up a counter-part committee on the ministry and these two committees will work in unison and bring us their answer in 1968.

The important part is that the Constitution be flexible enough so that we can consider their report in '68 and take whatever action we want. We have come to unanimous agreement and I may say that the E.U.B.s are very happy and appreciative that our Committee on Ministry raised this point and are wholehearted and enthusiastic about the changes which I am now going to suggest to you.

I move reconsideration of Paragraphs 34 and 37.

The motion to reconsider Paragraphs 34 and 37 was voted. (DCA, page 982.)

Charles C. Parlin: We have not had a chance to mimeograph so you will have to do some interlining as you follow with me.

"Paragraph 34, Article I. The Annual Conference shall be composed of all"—strike out the following words, "the traveling preachers in full connection with" and insert at that place the following words, "ministerial members as defined by the General Conference."

Then the text continues, "—together with a lay member elected by each charge, the conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

We inserted yesterday, "conference president of the United Methodist Men and the conference lay leader. Each charge served by more than one minister"—strike out the following three words, strike out "in full connection" so that it continues—"shall be entitled to as many lay members as"—strike out the following words "there are effective full time ministers in full connection" and insert for those words the words "ministerial members."

The entire Paragraph 34 would then read as follows:

"The Annual Conference shall be composed of all ministerial members as defined by the General Conference together with a lay member elected by each charge, the conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the conference president of United Methodist Men and the conference lay leader. Each charge served by more than one minister shall be entitled to as many lay members as ministerial members. The lay members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years," and so forth. That sentence is not changed.

Then Paragraph 37 in the third line, the second word where it says, "members of" strike out "of" and insert the words "in full connection with" so that that first sentence of Paragraph 37 would read, "The ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members in full connection with the Annual Conference," and so forth.

Now, it's my understanding that this leaves to the General Conference the right to define the names of supply pastors and any other orders that the church may see fit to do. This was presented to us by a group from the Committee on Ministry. Their spokesman was *Dr. Frederick Wertz* and if there is any problem I would appreciate the privilege of his speaking to this motion.

I move, sir, that Paragraphs 34 and 37 be amended in the manner now indicated.

Paragraphs 34 and 37 as Amended—Adopted

Paragraphs 34 and 37 as amended by the Ad Hoc Committee to conform with the action of the E.U.B. General Conference, were adopted. (DCA, page 983; see Appendix, pages 3015, 3016.)

Motion to Adopt Part I of the Constitution and the Enabling Legislation

Charles C. Parlin (Northern New Jersey—NE) moved adoption of Part I, the Constitution as amended and of the Enabling Legislation. This was seconded.

Several questions were asked for clarification and were answered by Mr. Parlin.

The vote on the motion to adopt was delayed in order to hear a ruling from the Judicial Council.

Report from Judicial Council

Murray Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W): Bishop Short, and brethren of the General Conference, the Judicial Council is prepared to answer the question submitted for a declaratory decision. This will be decision number 244. The adoption of a Plan of Union constitutes a constitutional amendment.

According to the Constitution of The Methodist Church, "Paragraph 10, Section 2, Amendments to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting."

There are two types of vote, affirmative and negative. Abstention from voting is not voting. Therefore, in this instance the required affirmative vote to adopt a proposed Plan of Union will require two-thirds of the sum of those who vote for and of those who vote against. A recording of the number of abstentions will have no legal effect.

Clarification of Voting Procedure Continued

Question: *J. Henry Ernst* (Pacific Northwest—W): After we take our vote on the Constitution including the proposals that we have agreed on and those that we have not agreed on; and after the E.U.B. takes its vote in the same manner and we disagree, will we have an opportunity to come back and redebate and seek to harmonize our differences so that we can ultimately come to an agreement?

Answer: *Charles C. Parlin*: We have been unable to work out any such system. We might have to hold the group here in consultation for weeks as we negotiate a new plan. That is not feasible.

I think the plan is that if one house votes favorably and the other house votes unfavorably, that the favorable vote will stand and the other house would have an opportunity to see if it could pull itself together for a favorable vote later. But that is the best we were able to work out.

Bishop Short: Thank you. Let the Chair share with you a note which has come to him.

The news staffs of radio and television stations will be covering the voting of the Conferences on merger. In addition TRAFCO will be filming and recording the event for historical purposes.

Therefore, it will be helpful for the presiding officer to state clearly what is happening, what the procedure is.

Mr. Parlin: Just to say that at this very late night session we had last night, this matter was discussed and the E.U.B. are entirely satisfied to have us go along according to our program. The only technical withholding would be the count as reported by the tellers.

It was decided that they had no objection to what other people might think the vote showed or the gossiping in the halls; that they would accept television; and the only thing is that we will technically withhold the official count. This is agreeable. I am not saying this should be our action. I am merely reporting that the E.U.B. Commissioners said this would be agreeable to them.

Motion for Prayer—J. Holland Heck

J. Holland Heck (Philadelphia—NE): I would like to move—in addition to the present motion—I would like to amend the motion that we have a session of silent prayer to search our hearts and then be led in audible prayer by one of our bishops, which the Chair selects just before our voting.

This was ordered. (DCA, page 984.)

Question: Jerry Bray (Virginia—SE): A few moments ago Dr. Parlin said that he moved the Enabling Legislation and the Constitution. My question to Dr. Parlin is this:

Is this in effect now a move—a motion that we adopt the Plan of Union? That is my first question, sir.

Dr. Parlin: The answer is yes.

Mr. Bray: Now if that be so, will you also tell me, is it not so that as to all of the matters in the printed report, that is, all the sections of the printed report, all of those are before us at this time as they are printed there? Is that correct?

Dr. Parlin: Well, not for the vote. We have already voted on Part 2 and Part 3 with their respective Prefaces.

Now we are on the Constitution and Enabling Legislation, those two items. If the vote is favorable on this, it will be followed by a motion to adopt Part 4 in principle.

Mr. Bray: That will be separate?

Dr. Parlin: That will come after, only if there is a favorable vote.

Mr. Bray: In other words, then, in effect, we are not voting on 4 when we vote on the preceding sections?

Dr. Parlin: Your statement is correct.

Privileged Matter

Major Jones (East Tennessee—C): Mr. Chairman, I ask for a moment to make a final remark without an attempt to influence the pending vote on Union. I ask for this unusual privilege because I wish to support Union as only a separate segment of the action which we are about to take here at this time.

Indeed, I thought long into the night of possible ways by which I could join those who feel that this is the will of God for this time. There is a dialectical methodology in theology which may well provide a sometimes unintelligible way by which a person might even under parliamentary procedure say both a "yes" and a "no" to the same proposition. I am not sure of my grounds under Roberts Rules of Order, having voted for *Brother Ragsdale's* motion last evening, which I had to support out of a deep conviction.

But I am sure that within my heart there is an unresolved conflict. If I be wrong under Roberts Rules of Order to have said "no" last night and to say "yes" today, "yes" to Union, "No" to prolonged separation, "no" last evening, "yes" today, if this be not possible I cannot vote today. But if under these conditions my vote be understood I would join those who affirm "yes."

Across Jurisdictional lines that yet separate us, across Conference lines which yet keep us from achieving oneness, my heart still yearns for true Union which is surely God's will for us all ultimately and finally.

May God bless and increase this Union and may it ever bear fruits that would lead us ultimately into the company of God where we are indeed one family.

Questions for Clarification Continued

Donald Holbrook (Michigan—NC): This question is directed to Dr. Parlin, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Dr. Parlin, if it were the will of this Conference after a vote, if it happens to be negative from either Conference, to have an additional time today to attempt to get together and have a report from your Committee and a consideration, if not a favorable vote, after that report from your Committee?

The reason I ask this is because I feel this is a momentous occasion, one that we should not hurry through but one which we should attempt to do if at all possible with the help and the guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Parlin: The answer is that the liaison committee has made arrangements to meet again at noon today and presumably by that time we will know the results of both votes. We will be very happy to follow instructions and make every possible effort to reconcile and give us a chance to leave from Chicago with a vote of both houses and we'd be very happy to try to do that if the necessity arises.

Lewis H. Beckford (Main—NE): Question to Dr. Parlin. It appeared that one of the deep issues involved was the question of the election of delegates. I wonder if you can throw any further light on the present situation as to how the E.U.B.s feel about the matter of election of delegates by orders rather than at large in the General Conference?

Have any further conversations gone on here? My concern being that I think this is one situation that could be reconciled. The finality of this vote concerns me at this particular point.

Dr. Parlin: At the meeting last night this seemed to be one of the easiest of the issues. Here is a point where they seem perfectly willing to take the Methodist position, having the benefit of the twelve year rule that any Annual Conference who likes their system the best has the right to continue it for a maximum of twelve years.

This is one of the possibilities that might be a thing that would trigger off a reconsideration, but there was no indication of it last night.

As we broke up in the early morning hours of today, it was agreed that we would go to our respective Conferences with the Plan as we finally settled upon it.

Privileged Matter

L. L. White (Southern California-Arizona—W): What I would like to do, Mr. Chairman, very briefly is to plead for a word of understanding on the part of this General Conference for those who have prayerfully looked at this thing and will be forced to vote "no."

Let me just suggest four brief words. First of all I believe in Union and in this General Conference the word marriage has been made synonymous with this new relationship we hope to perfect. I am for the marriage but in all earnestness I have to make the observation, to my own soul at least, that one party to this marriage has an illegitimate child. The parentage has been accepted but the adoption has been postponed.

I share the conviction of those who feel that when conception takes place outside of the marriage relationship the child is the first consideration.

The second word, Mr. Chairman, is this. It is the word "trust." We have been using this word in the General Conference over and over again and I think perhaps we have come to the place where we use it rather loosely.

Historically The Methodist Church has been saying, "Trust us," but that word has been said within the context of the majority asking the minority to trust. It is always those with the power asking those without the power to say, "Trust us."

Now I am simply reversing the procedure and asking in this instance that the majority will trust a minority of us who are in favor of Union but who cannot vote Union with a clear conscience under these circumstances.

We hope you will trust us and believe that we do have some concept of what is right and what is wrong. We hope you will trust us and believe that we do have some semblance of moral conviction left.

The third word, Mr. Chairman, is this.

We have been nurtured on this concept of expedient voluntarism. It should not come as a surprise to any of us now if we assume that we have a right to be voluntary about Union as you have a had right to be voluntary about the question of race.

The third word is this—the fourth word is this, the word which has something to do with the mission of Christ through His church.

I do not stand before you and make an appeal in the name of the great Methodist Church. I think this idolatry has been extended far enough. I believe this earthen vessel has shot its mark, but I do believe Christ still has a purpose for it, and I plead for this tolerant understanding, not in the name of the Church but in the name of what Christ has called us to do; and surely this must mean to bring the actions we profess in His name a little more in keeping with His Spirit.

Thanks for giving me this chance to say this word.

Questions for Clarification Continued

Gregorio R. Bailen (Northwest Philippines—OS): Mr. Chairman, my question is this. We shall be anticipating with eagerness to embrace our United Brethren, and I know that they will be giving us the kiss of holiness, but before so doing we should know if after we shall vote unanimously, I am speaking for the Philippines delegation to this Union, it shall include all the amendments which were submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee, especially on the organization and administration?

I ask this question, Mr. Chairman, because I know that it is easier for a "camel to enter the eye of a needle" than for an amendment or a substitute motion to enter the kingdom of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Chairman I, therefore, ask the audience of this body for me to be answered by that great Methodist, Dr. Parlin, if after the amendment we shall have still time for the amending of paragraph or rather amendment, Part IV, Organization and Administration, Paragraph 110?

The Philippines is in a precarious state of union with the United Church. That's why this is my question.

Thank you.

Dr. Parlin: The answer to the question is that the Plan of Union, that is the brown covered 361 page document, came before you already amended, Report No. 1 and Report No. 2.

You, sir, are speaking about the amendment which appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 752, down at the bottom, Paragraph 110.

When I make the motion that this part, Part IV be adopted in principle, that amendment will be effective, and the new words, "with the United Churches," with which the Evangelical United Brethren Church has been affiliated, will have been substituted for the words, "the United Church of Christ in the Philippines."

Motion for Previous Question—Laurence Dill

Laurence Dill (North Alabama—SE) moved the previous question and it was voted. (DCA, page 986.)

Voting Instructions—Secretary J. Wesley Hole

Secretary J. Wesley Hole gave instructions for taking the count vote. (DCA, page 986; see Appendix, page 2945.)

Prayer—Bishop Glenn R. Phillips (Retired)

Bishop Short called upon Bishop Glenn R. Phillips to lead the Conference in prayer.

Bishop Phillips: Let us unite in prayer.

O God, our Father, we do not ask in this moment to see the distant scene, one step is enough. We do not ask for all prophecies to be fulfilled in this one moment, but, O God, may our hearts be ready for the next thing that Thou would say to us.

We thank Thee for those who have loved and labored, who have served sacrificially, who have forgotten themselves because they have dedicated themselves to a great cause; and now this moment of silence, with each of us before Thee, our Father, searching his own heart, standing before his own judgment bar of conscience and conviction, may we hear Thy voice, and may Thy voice be saying to each one of us, this is the way, walk ye in it.

In this spirit may we come to this moment of decision for which we have been seeking to prepare ourselves. Lord grant that Thy Holy Spirit may indeed give us leadership, and that we may take counsel not of our fears but of our faith, that we may dare to dream and move ahead, knowing that before us even as behind, Thou art, and all shall be well.

Forgive what we have been. Amend what we are. Order what we shall be in this moment and to the long days ahead, as we must live with ourselves, and with the choice that we make.

In the Master's name and for His sake, we pray. *Amen.*

Count Vote Taken

Bishop Short: If you will approve the adoption of the Constitution and the Enabling Acts, will you stand and remain standing until you are counted?

May we be in order? Let the Secretary tell us when the count has been completed; not what the count is, but the fact.

Count taken.

Bishop Short: We are ready to take the negative vote. I mean, have your tellers completed their work?

All right. It appears the tellers have completed the count. If you are opposed, will you stand and remain standing until you are counted?

Count taken.

Bishop Short: Is the count completed? Is the count completed? The count is completed. Thank you. And, we will hear the announcement later.

As has been indicated, I should like to—

Secretary Hole: An abstaining vote.

Bishop Short: I beg your pardon. Those abstaining, will you stand until you are counted. Yes, that is correct. (DCA, page 987.)

Instructions from Agenda Committee—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference, the motion this morning was that this period of a moment of silence followed by a prayer by Bishop Slater, be offered at eleven o'clock, if we were still in session; and, if not, it be offered just before we adjourn.

I am assuming, Mr. Chairman, we are still in the midst of this vote because Part 4 would come before you. Therefore, I would like to amend the recommendation, that this be the closing moment of this session before we adjourn.

Request for Motion from Ad Hoc Committee

Charles C. Parlin: My plan was, and I think it was the Ad Hoc Committee's idea, that the motion would not be put on Part 4, adoption in principle, until after the announcement of the vote on Part 1.

We, therefore, planned to make not only that but a series of motions after we reconvened, and after the announcement of the vote.

Moment of Silence as Ordered

Following the moment of silence as ordered by the Conference in observance of Veteran's Day, Bishop Eugene Slater led in prayer:

Bishop Slater: Eternal God, our Father, hear the prayer which we offer unto Thee. We are always in Thy keeping, and the lives of all Thy children are in Thy hands.

We remember before Thee all of those, of all the lands who have been the victims of war. Grant we pray that their loved ones shall find strength and comfort, through Thy grace.

We acknowledge our sin that has led to tragic wars that have covered our earth as an awful darkness, and we pray that in obedience to Him, whom we call Lord, even the Prince of Peace, that we shall fulfill the conditions that make for peace in our world; that we shall recognize the brotherhood which Thou in Thy wisdom has created; that we shall walk in the ways of justice and righteousness and love, one with another; that in the spirit of Christ, we shall be willing to lose our lives for His sake, and the sake of His kingdom.

We pray, O God, that we shall think on Him, that His will and way shall be clear for us, and that we shall be obedient to His leadership.

Bless Thou the rulers of the nations. Give them Thy wisdom and may they receive that wisdom and govern in Thy Spirit the peoples who are in their charge.

Lead us now as we entrust our lives into Thy hands, and help us in the name of Christ to fulfill the conditions that make for peace and brotherhood all across the earth.

In the name of Christ, we pray. *Amen.* (DCA, page 987.)

The Conference was in recess from 11:10 a.m. until 12 noon.

At 12 o'clock the Conference reconvened.

The Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" was sung.

Prayer—Bishop Shot K. Mondol

Bishop Mondol of the Philippines led in prayer: Almighty and Eternal God, our gracious and loving Heavenly Father, breath upon us now Thy spirit of rest and calm and peace in the midst of all our busy activities that we may hear Thy still, small voice within the citadel of our heart.

We rejoice in all the good work that has been done, the reports of the committees, the speeches that have been made by Thy earnest, devoted servants and as we come to this earnest occasion and historic moment, do Thou open the heavens and pour Thy blessing upon us.

Before we go, may there be a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit that with joy and strength and courage and confidence we may go back to our respective places and countries, pledged to do Thy Holy will. Be with the presiding officer and all of us who are gathered together in this Holy cause, in Christ's Holy name, we pray. *Amen.*

Privileged Statement for the Chair

Bishop Short: Now, I wonder if you would grant the Chair a privilege which I think will in turn be a privilege for the Conference.

If there is no objection, I should like to share with the body the remaining items on the agenda so that you know about where we are.

If there is no objection, I would like to read this so you will know what the Chair is—is living with in trying to bring the Conference to its close.

We are to hear from Mr. Parlin on Part IV.

There are a few of you who have asked for the privilege of making certain motions in connection with that. We are also to have a resolution, I think it is a resolution, by Dr. Hurst Anderson, which I would like for us to have in a moment.

Then, the report of the agenda committee by *Dr. Young*.

Now, the Chair has received a few requests for privileges. I suppose these are personal words that somebody wants to say. I would work through them at the discretion of the body. Then we are to have the announcement of the vote on Union.

Then, friends, it has been the custom in our Church for many years to bring the General Conference to its close with a statement by the president of the Council of Bishops and Bishop Raines is prepared to do that.

This is what remains before us as far as the Chair is concerned and I have shared the agenda with you instead of keeping it all to myself.

All right. Now, may I recognize—well, before I do that—there is one thing that the Chair omitted to do this morning that I am so sorry I forgot, but there are a good many people that come at you from different directions when you sit here, and I meant to say how very, very deeply all of us appreciated the work of Dr. Willis Tate of the Steering Committee. I want to be sure that gets in the record.

Privileged Resolution—Hurst Anderson

Hurst Anderson (Baltimore—NE): All of us expressed in spontaneous fashion our appreciation to one member of this Committee this morning, Dr. Parlin. Some of us have felt that a formal resolution of appreciation ought to be spread on the minutes and on the record and, therefore, it is my pleasure, sir, to present a motion with two seconds, Dr. Earl Moreland and Dr. Arthur Fleming, and I shall read the motion.

"We, the General Conference of The Methodist Church, wish to

express to Bishop Lloyd Wicke, chairman, and Dr. Charles C. Parlin, secretary, and the entire Commission, the appreciation and gratitude for their wise, faithful and most capable efforts in representing The Methodist Church in this area of inter-church cooperation and in giving superb leadership in this important ecumenical undertaking in the life of The Methodist Church."

I should move this resolution, sir.

The motion was adopted. (DCA, page 988.)

Report of Agenda Committee—J. Otis Young

Bishop Short announced that this is *Dr. J. Otis Young's* birthday. The Conference sang "Happy Birthday."

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Thank you for singing to me on my thirty-ninth birthday.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I have before me one item that I would like to present to this Conference. We are always interested in communications and this is a word that is very much in our language today.

Therefore, may I offer this resolution:

On recommendation of the communications agencies of our Church, the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program authorized a joint communications staff with the Evangelical United Brethren Church during the simultaneous meetings of the two General Conferences.

Now, may I just say that for many months this staff, the—the members of this staff, television, radio, films and commissions on public relations of both churches have been working together.

Therefore, on behalf of our Commission on Entertainment and Program, I should like to record our appreciation for the work of this joint staff and others who have assisted from the Board of Missions Department of News Services and area Conference communications personnel. The general director of this staff of communications was Dr. Harry C. Spencer, general secretary of TRAFECO, Dr. Arthur West, who has been director of press relations and Dr. Curtiss Chambers of the E.U.B. Church, director of Radio-Television Relations. I move its adoption.

The motion was adopted. (DCA, page 988.)

J. Otis Young: Now, Mr. Chairman, I have a personal privilege. May I have this personal privilege and we can save the time of the Conference if while I am making these remarks Dr. Lovick Pierce would come to the platform?

On the opening day of our General Conference, I indicated in my report, among other things, that *Hymnals* were being laid on your desk.

May I say that the Commission on Entertainment and Program at its meeting voted, first, just to give this General Conference the little handbook of some sixty hymns, to be used.

Dr. Pierce said that is not the way it should be—that every delegate should have a copy of the new *Methodist Hymnal*, because most of you people, if not all of you, were present and voted for this in Pittsburgh. And, therefore, in keeping with his request, the Publishing House has given this Hymnal to you, recognizing that some of us may not be in Dallas in '68, and for that reason you would have a chance to receive the *Hymnal* on which you voted.

Now, the Conference has asked me to present this *Hymnal* to Dr.

Pierce. It is the same *Hymnal* type that was given to you. At first, they thought of a leather-bound *Hymnal* and then I felt it should be exactly the same as you people have received, but the thing that distinguishes this *Hymnal* is that in the flyleaf of the *Hymnal*, Mr. Pierce, if you will come here, has been recorded the name of every Bishop of the Church in attendance at this Session. Thank you.

Response—Dr. Lovick Pierce

Lovick Pierce: To say a simple thank you and that I am deeply touched would be an understatement, but, indeed, I am. This is a surprise and I am very grateful.

It may be out of keeping, but I cannot help it. I am reminded of a homely little story of a little boy taking a little hound dog to the dog show and he had him all perfumed up with a ribbon around him and some man stopped him and said, "You don't expect that hound dog to win the prize do you?"

He said, "No sir, but he gets to mingle with such nice dogs."

One of the great rewards in the work that I am engaged in has been my privilege of mingling with such nice people. Thank you very much. (DCA, page 988.)

Privileged Motions

Mack Stokes (Holston—SE): I have a motion pertaining to the Joint Committee on the Study of the Ministry.

I move, sir, that the Joint Committee on the Study of the Ministry be permitted to extend the time for making its report available to the delegates of the General Conference of 1968 until three months prior to the time of that Conference.

If I get a second to this, I shall make a further comment.

Bishop Short: It is seconded.

Mr. Stokes: Thank you. It is, of course, self-evident that with the additional membership which is possible in this connection, it will take a good deal more time to do our work in orienting the members of the Committee. And then we also have only this two year period instead of the normal four year period. Thank you.

The motion was adopted. (DCA, page 988.)

Lee Moorehead (Ohio—NC): Thank you. On Wednesday when we were dealing in the Constitution with the Articles of Religion, I made a motion and it was referred to this particular time for more proper action. I would like to make that motion at this time.

I move that we request The new United Methodist Church, at the time of its Unification in 1968, to appoint a commission to be known as the "Commission on the Review of the Doctrines of The United Methodist Church," with a view to formulating a new confession of faith, based on our Wesleyan heritage; and that this Commission pursue its study and work concomitantly with an ecumenical committee known as the Consultation on Church Union; and that it be called upon to make regular progress reports to succeeding General Conferences; and that it make concrete proposals for adoption, when, in its judgment, it is ready so to do. I move this.

This motion was adopted. (DCA, page 989.)

John H. Rixse, Jr. (Virginia—SE): This is a motion of reference. I move that the continuing Ad Hoc Committee, in perfecting Part IV for the 1968 Uniting Conference, give consideration to and if possible,

provide for limits on the terms of officers for district and Conference lay leaders in a manner similar to that for district superintendents; and a limit on the term of episcopal residential supervision in an Area comparable to that now in effect.

The motion was adopted. (DCA, page 989.)

Privileged Matters

W. T. Handy (Louisiana—C): Mr. Chairman, I had intended for this to come a little bit earlier, but I have got this speech and I intend to make it, with your indulgence.

Mr. Chairman and fellow members of this General Conference: Thirty years ago, as a young lad, a lasting impression was made upon me by the diligent and conscientious manner in which my father and other members of the nineteen racially segregated Annual Conferences of the then Methodist Episcopal Church opposed the forthcoming Union of three branches of the Wesleyan tradition. This, they did, because they were unwilling to sanction the formation of a new church in which the evil malady of racial segregation would be an integral part.

Today, thirty years later, at this momentous session of The Methodist Church, I, like my illustrious and dedicated predecessors, was also faced with the problem of making a voting decision on church Union.

Unfortunately, it grieves me to submit that in this era of social change, I cannot retreat beyond the moral position of an earlier generation. Hence, I felt compelled on the ground of conscience to have voted against the proposal of Union between my beloved denomination and that of another closely related theological communion.

This is a decision I have felt compelled to make, not in bitterness and in rancor, but because of an honest conviction that I cannot vote to permit segregated structures to become a part of a new church body.

It is my humble conviction that I, in good conscience, cannot ask my brethren of another communion to be inflicted with a social disease which has been like a cancerous sore in my own denomination and which that same denomination has denounced as morally evil. Likewise, my conscience does not allow me to vote to inflict upon myself the indignities and humiliations of racial apartheid.

It has been said by some persons attending this Conference that they are tired and weary of the problem of racial segregation which has confronted them periodically for the past four days. I submit to you, that I, too, am tired and weary of the problem of racial segregation but I have had to be confronted with it constantly for the past four decades.

However, if the judgment of the necessary majorities of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church deem it wise that this Union be consummated, even though that decision was made over the valiant protest of those not to be a full part of that Union, I pledge to work in the spirit of humble, prayerful, dedicated and searching negotiation to achieve the lofty goals of togetherness as advocated by Jesus Christ our Lord.

This, I will do, as did my faithful predecessors of the past thirty years. That is, to work within the framework of my beloved Church, of which my religious roots run so deep, to try and bring into full fruition true brotherhood, peace, concern and understanding.

My prayers and labors will be extended for The United Methodist Church and may the time not be in the too far distant future before she is truly united.

Francis T. Cunningham (South Carolina—SC): Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference, within a few moments this historic Session of our General Conference will be adjourned and we shall be turning towards our homes. I cannot allow an adjournment to come without a brief statement of high personal and corporate privilege.

A few years ago, a distinguished son of our section brought to us a widely read book entitled, *Who Speaks for the South*. I am not certain that anyone can speak for the South, any more than anyone can speak for any other section of our land, but of this I am certain—that there is, in the South, a reservoir of Methodists, both clerical and lay, who have led and who are leading and who will continue to lead in seeking, as rapidly as is possible, to implement the policy of The Methodist Church in the area of race, and above all to realize increasingly among us the New Testament concept and experience of the Church.

Now, in the light of the earnest debate and the agonizing decisions of this General Conference, I rise to say that without denying the difficulties, but without being dismayed by them either, many of us will be returning to our homes all the more dedicated to this task.

We believe there is a way to move forward together toward our more common goal of an inclusive Church. This way we shall seek and this goal we shall keep before us.

Paul Duffey (Alabama-West Florida—SE): Thank you very much, Bishop.

I mostly would second what *Dr. Cunningham* has said, because what I had in mind to say is much in the spirit of his own.

I did want to express gratitude for the magnanimity of spirit of this great General assembly of our Church and Conference, and to express the concern that any of us might have left an impression that anybody in our Area would conceive of the brothers and sisters of the Central Jurisdiction as illegitimate children.

This impression having been made, I would like to rectify that. I do not believe it prevails. We consider them to be children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ.

While people of our Area have a diversity of opinion, we have one united love in The Methodist Church and the principles of the love of Christ our Lord and are determined to do all we can together to carry out what we believe to be the will of God expressed in and through the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

For things which have been said and done in the years past, in the Area which I love, and to which I give my ministry with determined decision, I have no apology or defense. The record stands, but what is right needs no defense. What is evil cannot be defended.

We rise now not in an attitude of mere paternalism; although there is more compassion in paternalism than condescension, I think; none-the-less, we rise with determined effort to weave out of the delicate fabric of human relations, a pattern of beauty which will adorn the house of God with grace and magnify the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

D. W. Brooks (North Georgia—SE): I think most of the talks that have been made in this vein have been made by ministers and I think that at least a word should be said by a layman from one of the Southern States.

I want to say this, that although we are not satisfied with the progress we have made, by any means, that we have made great progress and we intend to make more in this field that we have discussed.

For example, in my own church, only a few years ago we had a resolution that denied admittance to any Negro to come into our

church. Today, the doors of that church are open for any Negro who wants to come to worship.

We have even made more progress than that. I want to say also while I am here that the Negro has suffered greatly and none of us who are white can understand the emotions he has experienced during this period of trials and tribulations, but on the other hand, I think it is a cross he has borne well and one I think we are going to remove from his shoulders.

Now, it has taken time. We understand, but those of us who have worked with this—and I want to say to you there are many of us working diligently as Christians on this problem in the South today—that we have had to have time in order to do this and save The Methodist Church.

We have somewhat of a problem like a friend of mine who was at the hospital recently, and they could not diagnose his case and he became very impatient and he finally criticized his doctor rather severely and the doctor said to him, "Now, Mr. Jones, you can either—the best we have are two good diagnoses. One of them is time and the other is autopsy. Now, which do you want?"

I want to say to you, except for time that you have missed this Conference—this Conference has permitted those of us, who have worked diligently on this problem to accept the time. We have had many autopsies.

I think even though there are Negro brethren who have suffered during the period, they will not have suffered in vain, and will have kept us from having autopsies in The Methodist Church and I want to say thanks to them and I want to say thanks to this Conference for the understanding that you have had at this meeting. Thank you.

W. D. Lester (Central West—C): I have a matter that I think—this is a matter of privilege—and a little resolution, that I want to read, that I think would be good for the order, particularly those who are playing out in the right field of this Conference.

Whereas, the General Conference of 1964 and this special Session of the General Conference, 1966, have by the arrangement of the speaker's desk and the seat of the presiding officer, to the extreme left side of the auditorium, whereas the delegate seated at the right side of the auditorium, find it most difficult to secure the floor, which is—which—to secure the floor, which we feel that we are not too gracious about not receiving.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Commission on Entertainment in the General Conference of 1968—I don't know if I'll be a delegate, but I still want this done—with all diligence seek to centralize the speaker's desk, and the seat of the presiding officer, so that all members of the Conference may have, as nearly as possible, an equal chance at the Chairman.

This motion was adopted. (DCA, page 990.)

Motion for Adjournment

Thomas Clay (Western New York—NE): This is my eighth General Conference and at six of them I have offered the motion to adjourn. I really save the Church a lot of money.

I ask you now, that when all of the things that have to be said are said and last details have been done, that I have the privilege of moving to adjourn?

Bishop Short: You can move, that when we have completed the agenda the Conference stands ready to be adjourned.

Mr. Clay: Mr. Chairman, I so move that when all of the details that have got to be done are done, that we do adjourn.

Bishop Short: All right. I will—if you will so order, lift the hand; opposed, and it is done. (DCA, page 990.)

Privileged Matter

Allen H. L. Randolph (Tennessee—C): Bishop Short, I wanted to take the privilege to express my appreciation of having heard, coming from at least a layman from the section where I am from, that you are going back from this General Conference and work hard toward this thing of eliminating not only the Central Jurisdiction, but creating an atmosphere for brotherhood in The Methodist Church.

I think that out of the General Conferences I have attended this is the first time I have heard such a statement and I felt, out of all sincerity and humility, that as a minister in that section of our country, we ought to say to these brethren that we hope and appreciate that with confidence we can trust you with this matter and we will be looking forward to your moving forward rapidly, with this matter of eliminating the Central Jurisdiction, not only in the South but seeing to it that the brotherhood becomes a realization in The Methodist Church in the South.

Announcement of Count Vote

Bishop Short called upon the Secretary of the General Conference to announce the vote.

J. Wesley Hole (Southern California-Arizona—W): The total number of votes cast, 789; necessary to carry the amendment, two-thirds, 526; in favor, 749; opposed, 40. In addition, there were 5 delegates who abstained from voting.

Bishop Short: And the Conference has approved Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. (DCA, page 991; see Appendix, page 3007.)

Whereupon a standing ovation was extended by the assemblage.

Bishop Reuben Mueller, Senior Bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church—Presented

Bishop Short: If you remain standing, we will recognize Bishop Reuben Mueller, the senior Bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Bishop Mueller.

Bishop Mueller: Bishop Short, Members of The Methodist General Conference: As you can imagine, these are moments filled with strong emotion.

Our Conference voted by some percentage over 75 percent in favor of Union.

We had centers of Conferences in our Church that were not persuaded, because of their love for the old Church, that they should vote this way and we want to honor their convictions. And so we have not had a celebration, but we are delighted to accept your invitation to come to join with you in acknowledgment of our united voting on this matter.

God knows we have much to do yet to make this a full realization, but we are on the way and under God we will win out. Thank you.

Whereupon a standing ovation was extended to Bishop Reuben H. Mueller. (DCA, page 991.)

Agenda Committee Proposal—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): This is highly important and certainly in keeping with what we have just heard.

Since both Conferences—since both of the Churches involved have voted favorably on the proposed Union, I suggest that we invite the Evangelical United Brethren General Conference to convene with us here at 2:15 p.m. for a brief service of thanksgiving and that this service be under the direction of the Chairman of our Council of Bishops and the Chairman of their Board of Bishops.

The proposal was adopted. (DCA, page 991.)

Ad Hoc Committee Concludes Its Reports

Charles C. Parlin: I have a series of four motions which are rather technical and I think nondebatable, or should not take too much time.

First, I move that Part IV of the Plan of Union, that is the Organization and Administration, as amended, be adopted in principle.

From the Floor: I second it.

Bishop Short: All right. If you so order, lift the hand. Opposed, and it is done. (DCA, page 991; see Appendix, page 3060.)

Mr. Parlin: I move that the Ad Hoc Committee on Church Union, now consisting of eighteen members, be augmented by three—two pastors and one layman—that that three be so designated in one Joint Liaison Committee, namely: *Finis A. Crutchfield, J. Clay Madison* and Mr. James Walker.

Bishop Short: Are you ready? If you will so order, lift the hand. Opposed, and it is done. (DCA, page 991.)

Mr. Parlin: I move that there might be printed Part I of the Constitution and Enabling Legislation for circulation to the Methodist Annual Conferences.

It was seconded.

Bishop Short: If you will so order, lift the hand. Opposed, and it is done. (DCA, page 991.)

Mr. Parlin: I move that the Ad Hoc Committee be authorized and directed to create a joint commission to study the structure and functions of the boards and agencies of the two denominations and to make recommendations for their coordination.

It was seconded.

Bishop Short: If you will so order, lift the hand. Opposed, and it is done. (DCA, page 992.)

Adjournment

Following announcements by the Secretary, Bishop Short called upon Bishop Frederick Newell for the benediction.

Bishop Newell: Will you receive the blessing? The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

FOURTH DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1966
AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop Fred P. Corson, Presiding

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference convened for the afternoon session on the fourth day, Friday, November 11, 1966 at 2:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois with Bishop Fred P. Corson of the Philadelphia Area, presiding.

Members of the Evangelical United Brethren General Conference were present by invitation.

Bishop Corson: Let the Conference be in order. I wonder if you will permit the Chair a high personal privilege to say a word before we begin the agenda for this afternoon's session?

All of us are deeply moved by the consciousness that this is an historic moment in the life of our Churches and in the life of the church of Christ, that fellowship that makes us all one in Him. And I feel highly honored by being permitted to preside at this session.

I think that the delegates of The Methodist General Conference will, by acclamation, extend the bar of the Conference to include the entire auditorium. And insofar as no matters that require a legal vote are concerned, we are most happy to grant all of the privileges of the floor to our E.U.B. delegates who are here with us. We hope that you will feel that at this moment we are one. The fact of the matter is, if you sat where I do you couldn't tell each other apart.

May I say one other word? Not only is it a great honor that comes to me to preside this afternoon, but it is really a great joy and a great relief.

I would like to advise any of you who aspire to preside over a General Conference to influence the Committee on Presiding Officers to give you the spot I am now in.

In this case the last shall be best. Think of it! I don't have to remind anybody to give their name and their Conference. I don't have to struggle with the mikes to get them turned on. I don't have to answer any points of order. I don't have to keep the amendment and the amendment to the amendment, and whether or not an amendment has been passed or we are still on it. I don't have to be bothered by the bishops behind me telling me what to do.

And all I need to do is to sit back and enjoy myself, and what a glorious privilege it is to have that experience this afternoon.

When I was with the observers at the Vatican Council, Pope Paul conducted the first really ecumenical, entirely ecumenical service I think that has been held in modern times. All of us joined in that great service in St. Paul's without the wall, and the Pope and other members of the priesthood of the Catholic Church and the Protestant Clergy all took part in a service of worship.

He concluded his remarks by saying, "Let us go forward. Let us go forward together. Let us go forward with God."

And here this afternoon we are demonstrating that we will go

forward because we will go forward together, and because we will go forward with God.

Now, may we stand and sing Hymn 151 after which Bishop Newell, who was for many years chairman of our Commission on Union, will offer the prayer.

The Conference sang "Faith of Our Fathers."

Bishop Frederick B. Newell led in prayer: Let us unite our hearts and minds in meditation and in reflection and in supplication. Let us pray.

O, Lord, our Lord; how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. From everlasting unto everlasting Thou art God. From everlasting unto everlasting and until this moment Thou art our God.

We thank Thee for Thy presence during these days, for Thy presence during this moment, for Thy greatness which is always more than our weakness, for Thy grace which is always ready to save us.

We thank Thee now for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Bring his redemptive power into our lives and into the life of the Church which we purpose to make; and grant that we may complete the commitment between us made in His Holy Name. *Amen.*

Report of Agenda Committee—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC): Mr. Chairman, I have been asked to make—to raise this question with you; how many of the delegates of the Methodist body were present at the Uniting Conference in 1939? Will you raise your hand? Thank you.

How many bishops were present at the Uniting Conference in 1939? Thank you. Thank you so much.

Now, one more. I am sorry to make this, to have to make this announcement, but it will arrest the minds of both the pages and our delegates. Many people have asked the question whether we were receiving an offering to aid our pages. We took action in 1964 that no offering would be received and the pages would be cared for out of the general expense. So I am making that announcement merely to satisfy both the delegates and the pages. Thank you. (DCA, page 992; see Appendix, page 2915.)

Bishop Richard C. Raines, Chairman of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church was asked to conduct a brief Service of Thanksgiving.

Bishop Richard C. Raines: Bishop Corson and members of the Combined General Conferences of The Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches: How fortunate we are that we are permitted together to cross a Continental Divide and open the way for what may be the first step in a triumphant ecumenical journey.

On behalf of The Methodist Church, I welcome the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the delegates in attendance upon their General Conference.

Bishop Mueller, will you, as Senior Bishop, present to our Methodist delegates the bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church that we may greet them and welcome them as prospective fellow members in the new United Methodist Church. You may stand up.

Bishops rise and assembly gives a standing ovation.

E.U.B. Bishops Presented

Bishop Reuben Mueller: Will the members of the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church please come over here?

First of all, I want to introduce the most precious package we have up here. We have only one Emeritus Bishop remaining with us and he is a very dear friend of every member of this Board and dearly beloved by our people across the Church—Bishop George Edward Epp, who lives in the vicinity of Chicago in retirement but who has never stopped preaching. I think he is as busy now as he ever was. Bishop Epp.

When the history of the Evangelical Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church comes to be very carefully written the name of George Edward Epp will loom very largely in that particular record. He served for many years as the executive of our missionary work and then for thirty years as Bishop in the Church.

Next I want to present Bishop Harold R. Heininger of Minneapolis who is the vice-chairman of the Board of Bishops. Bishop Heininger.

It is my privilege now to present the secretary of our Board from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Bishop J. Gordon Howard.

The next member of our Board comes from Sacramento, California, who is the presiding Bishop of our Western Area, Bishop W. Maynard Sparks.

It is my privilege next to present the Bishop of our Central Area who resides in Dayton, Ohio, which is our Mecca or Jerusalem.

He has an advantage of being at the heart of things. Bishop Paul M. Herrick of Dayton, Ohio.

The one in back of me here should have been introduced sooner. He is from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is in back of me. I didn't see him right away. Bishop Herman W. Kaebnick of Harrisburg of our Eastern Area.

And last but by no means least, Bishop Paul W. Milhouse of Kansas City, Missouri of our Southwestern Area.

May I add just this word yet, that as far as this Board is concerned there never was a fraternity like it, believe me. (DCA, page 993.)

Bishop Raines: Members of the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, as Methodists we greet you and pledge to you our loyal cooperation and efforts as our Annual Conferences consider Union next Spring.

And now may I present to this—combined group the bishops of The Methodist Church? Gentlemen, Will you stand? Here are your Methodist bishops.

We will not present them individually.

But on their behalf I pledge you all our warm fellowship and our full cooperation as we walk together toward a new church in which we shall worship and work together in obedience, in mission.

May there come to the platform C. R. Finley of Newton, Massachusetts? I am going to give—from Newton, Massachusetts. That's where I lived for a time—Newton, Kansas? Quite another place.

I am going to ask Bishop Mueller now to say a word of greeting, and then I have the Finley poem which has been shared with the Evangelical United Brethren General Conference but which we have not heard and want to hear.

Bishop Mueller.

Bishop Mueller: Mr. Chairman; Bishop Raines, Members of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church: As I have been sitting here turning these things over in my mind, I thought to myself, "I wonder what Francis Asbury is saying to his dear German friend Phillip William Otterbein?"

And how Jacob Albright has finally resolved his differences with Francis Asbury about the German language?

And how they have to say to each other in the courts of heaven, as they are in the cloud of witnesses that surround us, "At last our children have started back home together."

Please, God, this shall be not only the first step but the necessary steps in our Annual Conferences will be taken in the same spirit and spiritual devotion and dedication as this big major step has been taken.

Our primary concern and interest in the Union of these two Churches is that we believe it is in the will of God and that together we can lift once more in the Christian movement of the world as a part of the ecumenical movement a strong emphasis upon that which John Wesley lifted up so strongly in his time when, in the midst of a factory day that had no regard for human life he began through the Gospel of the worth of the individual to teach once more that we must have concern for our fellow man.

And I believe that we have a mission when we unite ourselves into one great church that cannot be limited to one North American Continent, but that must make this witness effective around the world.

We must not allow those who promulgate the idea that God has withdrawn himself from the daily affairs of human kind to have the upper hand in the Christian teaching program of the church in this world.

And we must insist that it is possible to know a living God through a living Christ in all of the relationships of human life, that do not stop our personal life or our family circle but that reach in all the ramifications of our daily living.

It is because you have set such a challenge before us in this particular area with tremendous leadership again and again that we are thankful to God for the privilege of looking forward to the day when united we can work together at this great task. Thank you.

Bishop Corson: Doctor Finley.

Bishop Mueller: May I say a word about this man?

Bishop Corson: You certainly may.

Dr. C. R. Finley Presented

Bishop Mueller: Dr. Finley is poet laureate of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

We have never had a meeting of the Commission on Church Union or a General Conference but what sooner or later the Muse works and something comes forth that we all think is very much worthwhile. This is extremely worthwhile, believe me.

C. R. Finley: Mr. Chairman, this was written, of course, before the vote was taken in our Conference, anticipating that vote:

May the good Lord give us wisdom for this high and momentous hour.

Cleanse our hearts from pride and anger by the Holy Spirit's power.

Here the Methodists and E.U.B.s assembled side by side,

Need a vision of the Kingdom and your atmosphere glorified.

Nurtured in our own Communion, each has come his separate way,

To a place within the Kingdom where through various forms we pray.

We have built a deep allegiance and enduring loyalty

To our own denominations and the structures that we see.

Now we stand upon the threshold of a new and glorious day,

Where as churchmen we may venture on a higher, better way.

A divided church can never carry out the perfect plan,

Which our Lord in prayer envisioned to redeem the soul of man.
And we hear His tender pleading that His people may be one,
That the world may come to know Him as the Father's blessed Son.
Let us face it friends and brothers, Methodists and E.U.B.,
Our two churches need each other in a common destiny.
Many of our local churches need the courage to unite,
And our vote today can help them to a truer, kindlier light.
Scores of churches have united; we must not desert them now.
They have pioneered this Union, they can really show us how.
We must know the world is watching as we make our choice today,
'Twixt the healing of His body and the old divided way.
Clouds of witnesses are waiting for the church to come of age,
And to write its basic oneness onto history's living page.
Let it not be said in sorrow that we missed our finest hour,
Through our seeking for advancement in the structures of church power.

Let us lay aside our strivings, our divisions and our fears,
As we listen to the summons of the coming golden years.
When the church of God united shall advance the cause of peace,
And the hatred and the hunger of the warring world shall cease.
For in Union is renewal as we really come to know,
How our brothers work and worship we shall feel our hearts aglow,
With the flame of pure devotion purging us of all our dross
As we mount to greater glory by the pathway of the Cross.

Closing Statement—Bishop Raines

Bishop Raines: Mr. Chairman and members of the Combined General Conferences: The Methodist General Conference normally brings its Session to a close with a brief statement by the president of the Council of Bishops.

If you notice I am a bit hoarse. It's not because I have a sore throat. It's because I am deeply moved.

And the first paragraphs of these remarks apply primarily to the Methodist General Conference, if you will permit and understand.

The closing session of a General Conference does not afford adequate perspective for us to judge its quality or achievement accurately but I will venture the following.

The delegates came here convinced that we Methodists ought to join the ecumenical journey in earnest and that the first step was Union with our Evangelical United Brethren friends. Very quickly the morale and will of the Conference emerged.

The delegates had done their homework before they came and they became convinced that the Ad Hoc Committee had done its homework.

Though the report of the Ad Hoc Committee was almost completely accepted as presented, the discussion revealed that this was not without careful and considered thought.

There was excellent leadership on the part of those who presented the material to the Conference. Dr. Parlin has already been warmly thanked by the Methodist General Conference. I have the conviction that you would like also to thank Bishop Wicke, who was chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee and all of the Ad Hoc Committee for that which they contributed that was completely essential to the success of our General Conference.

Would you wish to do that?

It may be that the record seen in historical perspective will show that no General Conference of The Methodist Church moved so far or so fast in so short a time towards setting a new course for our Church: a new name, a new church, a new Constitution, a new flexibility, a new readiness to face the future in obedience to God's leading.

Some of our delegates were disappointed that the mandatory elimination of the Central Jurisdiction was not voted and ordered as of a specific date.

Now, this concern for a truly inclusive church is shared by the overwhelming majority and a moral obligation was accepted in what was voted which is deeply and personally binding on us as leaders of our Church, north and south. And I have full confidence that we will fulfill that obligation.

So much for the days here in Chicago. Except I think we ought to have one additional word of appreciation for the Committee on Entertainment and Program, the Committee on Agenda, the pages, Carleton Young who has led us in our singing and the organist. Will you thank them as well?

Well, what of the future? Union is not yet voted by our people back home. The Annual Conferences have yet to act by a favorable two-thirds majority. Our responsibility has thus only begun.

When our first son was born I had to borrow \$150 to pay for the doctor and the hospital bill. On \$35 a week it took quite a long time to come home, at last, triumphantly, and say to my wife, "Dear, one more payment and the baby is ours."

Now, I say to you that the new church is not yet ours. Payments of effort are yet to be made by everyone of us. We will be wise to recognize that a new church is not necessarily and automatically a renewed church.

In the midst of the depression, which only the older ones of us will remember, when small banks were merging in order to keep from failing, my father, who was a banker, said to me, "Son, when five weak banks merge you do not get a big, strong bank but a big, weak bank."

We are no stronger when we unite unless we are renewed.

The first step is to unite, but the underlying and continuing concern must be for renewal.

Now, friends, renewal is not to be had by flexing our muscles or standing on tiptoe. Renewal is like happiness.

Most unhappy people we know are those who declare that they have a right to happiness and pursue it with might and main and few scruples.

Years ago our youngest son was very fond of pancakes and he thought his mother was cutting short his real happiness by giving him only one pancake at a time. He wanted a whole plateful.

So, she taught him a lesson one morning and came in with not only one pancake the size of a plate but four, one on top of the other. His eyes glowed. He thought he had heaven in his grasp, and he slathered the butter in between and he drowned them in syrup, and then he viciously attacked the first. He gobbled through the second. He managed to get down the third, and he bogged down on the fourth. Whereupon his mother came in with another plateful of four big pancakes.

And the little lad actually grew pale.

His mother said, "Don't you want any more, son?" He, in a croaked whisper, said, "No. I don't even want the ones I have had."

Well, dear friends, happiness is like that, and so is renewal. It comes when we are seeking something else.

The New Testament tells us this when it says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."

But I believe that God has already begun to renew his Church. Where his people have sought to discover the New Testament image of the nature and mission of the Church and have seen that the Church is Christ's and not ours, that it was established to accomplish

his purposes and not ours, to change our wills and purposes and not His, renewal has already begun.

Where his people have ceased fleeing from the center of the city and turned to minister in his name, renewal has already begun.

Where his people have come to see that the proper concern of Christ's Church is not just so-called religious or spiritual aspects of life but all of life, that God loves the world, renewal has begun.

Where his people have opened doors not only of their buildings but of their hearts to brethren of different color and fellowship no longer means mere sociability but rather that relationship created by the Holy Spirit among those who are committed to Christ, when that has happened, renewal has begun.

Where his people have discovered what Christ meant when he said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again," and what Wesley meant by the "warmed heart," where individuals have come to know about, and then to know Christ and to answer the question, "Whom say ye that I am," with Peter's reply, "Thou art the Christ," and to experience the presence and the power of the risen Lord in such a way that it finds expression in changed attitudes and we become a servant people, yes, a suffering people in Christ's name, renewal has begun.

Renewal may begin in any one of these or other ways, but it—must always include a personal experience of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Now, with this I close. In one of our great Methodist churches which has lovely arches and beautiful stained glass windows and had at the time a pulpit in the center; behind the pulpit there were four very large chairs and just behind the pulpit an even larger, more ornate, more decorated chair, in which the preacher of the morning sat.

One of the families of the church who wanted to acquaint their little ones with what went on in the church service brought their five or six-year-old daughter with them and sat in the balcony. And the little girl looking down and seeing the minister sitting in the chair said to her mother, "Mother, is that Jesus?" And the mother said, "Why, no, no, no, my dear. That's Doctor Raines." Well, she said, "he's sitting in the King's chair."

Let my last word be to all of us, that to the people back home who have not been here, who have not heard the debates, who have not felt the spirit, we sit in the King's chair. Let us sit there faithfully. Shall we pray?

O, God, our Heavenly Father, before we leave this place recall to us who and whose we are. That we are those whom Thou hast redeemed by Christ. Called out of darkness into light, and as Thy people, have a God given mission to fulfill.

Grant us, so blessed by a great spiritual heritage, to be led of Thee to spread Scriptural holiness over the land and to reform the nation and to be obedient in mission as we move toward that visible unity for which Christ prayed. Hear us as together we pray.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Shall we mingle? Stand and mingle joining hands as Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren friends and sing *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds* together.

The assembly then sang together.

Bishop Corson: Will the Conference be seated, please?

I have been asked to remind the delegates of the E.U.B. Church that you are to return at the conclusion of this session of our General Conference to your own for the continuation of your business.

Now, we have an announcement or two before we formally adjourn and at that time I shall ask Bishop Epp to pronounce the benediction.

There are no announcements except that the Council of Bishops will meet in their room immediately upon adjournment, the Tower Room.

So, let us now stand and receive the benediction from Bishop Epp, the Senior Bishop of the E.U.B. Church.

Benediction

Bishop Epp: And now, may grace, mercy and peace from God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit abide with us now and always, and let all the people say, "Amen."

Bishop Corson: Thank you, Bishop.

Whereupon the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church was officially adjourned.

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I. COMMUNION SERVICE

Holy Communion

The Opening Service of the

GENERAL CONFERENCE

THE METHODIST CHURCH



THE CHICAGO TEMPLE

Chicago, Illinois

Monday, November 7, 1966, at 7:30 p.m.

Bishop in Charge of Service—BISHOP O. EUGENE SLATER

THE SERVICE

The Prelude—Largo (from “The Seven Words from the Cross”) *Haydn*

The Processional Hymn

I'll Praise My Maker (Number 9)

(The congregation will stand at the first note of the hymn.)

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God; he made the sky
And earth and seas, with all their train.
His truth for-ever stands secure,
He saves th' oppressed, he feeds the poor,
And none shall find his promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
The Lord supports the fainting mind;
He sends the laboring conscience peace.
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise him while he lends me breath;
 And when my voice is lost in death,
 Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
 While life, and thought, and being last,
 Or immortality endures. Amen.

(Here the bishop, facing the people, shall say,)

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Let us pray.

(Then, kneeling or bowed, the bishop and people together shall say,)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Then, standing, all shall sing, Number 830a)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(The bishop, facing the people while they remain standing, shall say,)

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

(Then the bishop, kneeling and facing the Lord's Table, and all the people, kneeling or bowed, shall make together this general confession:)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Then the bishop shall pray, saying,)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to thee: Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The bishop, standing and facing the people, shall say,)

Hear what comfortable words the Scriptures say to all that truly turn to the Lord:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.—*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.—*John 3:16*

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

—*I Timothy 1:15*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—*I John 1:9*

If any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.—*From I John 2:1-2*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

(The bishop beginning, the people responding)

Most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee to receive these our prayers for the universal Church, that thou wilt confirm it in the truth of thy holy faith, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world.

We beseech thee also, so to guide and strengthen the witness of the Church to those in authority in all nations,

that they may maintain the justice and welfare of all mankind.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all ministers of thy Church, that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy true and lively Word, and faithfully administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that with willing heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to support and strengthen all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served thee in thy Church on earth, who now rest from their labors (especially those most dear to us, whom we name in our hearts before thee). Keep us in fellowship with all thy saints, and bring us at length to the joy of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

The Reading of the Epistle—Romans 8:1-11

The Anthem, "Thee We Adore" T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,
Who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail.
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing
flood;
Increase our faith and love that we may
know
The hope and peace which from Thy presence
flow.
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

The Reading of the Gospel—John 17:1-11

The Apostles' Creed

(The congregation standing and uniting.)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sermon—Bishop Frederick B. Newell

(See Appendix, page 3120)

The Offering

The Offertory Anthem—"Let All Mortal Flesh"

W. Glen Darst

(As the bishop receives the offering the people shall stand and sing, and remain standing through the singing of the hymn.)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together (Number 330)

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. Amen.

(The people shall remain standing, and the bishop, facing the people, shall say,)

Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

(Then the bishop, facing the Lord's Table, shall say)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

(Then all shall sing, Number 830b)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory! Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

(The people shall kneel or bow; the bishop, facing the Lord's Table, shall offer the Prayer of Consecration:)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the one offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his passion, death, and resurrection, may be partakers of the divine nature through him:

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins; do this, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

(The bishop shall kneel before the Lord's Table. After a brief silence, the bishop and the people together shall pray, saying,)

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(Here shall be sung, Number 830c)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

(The bishop shall first receive the Holy Communion in both kinds and then shall deliver the same to any who are assisting him. Then the bishops shall deliver the elements in both kinds to the people.)

(Before giving the bread, the bishop shall say:)

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

(Likewise, before giving the cup he shall say:)

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

(When all have communed, the bishop shall place upon the Lord's Table all that remains of the elements, covering the same.)

(Then the bishop, standing and facing the people, shall say,)

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And with thy Spirit.

Bishop: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

(Then the bishop, kneeling before the Lord's Table, and the people, kneeling or bowed, shall pray, saying,)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, thy humble servants, desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and thy whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee: humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee. O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Hymn

For The Bread, Which Thou Hast Broken . (Number 314)

For the bread, which Thou hast broken,
For the wine, which Thou hast poured,
For the words, which Thou hast spoken,
Now we give Thee thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge that Thou dost love us,
By Thy gift of peace restored,
By Thy call to heaven above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory
Seated at our Father's board,
May the Church that waiteth for Thee
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Thy service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where Thou dost send us
Let Thy Kingdom come, O Lord. Amen.

(Then the bishop shall let the people depart with this blessing:)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep
your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of
God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be
among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*(The congregation will be seated with bowed heads for silent prayer and will retire
as the bishops leave the Chancel and the organist plays the Postlude.)*

The Postlude

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is administered by the Council of Bishops with
the active participation of officers of the Council and of the several Jurisdictional
Colleges of Bishops, and representative Bishops of The Methodist Church overseas.
The Judicial Council joins the Council of Bishops in the processional.

Bishop Frederick B. Newell is preaching the sermon.

The ministry of music is provided by the Choir of The Chicago Temple, Dr.
Carlton R. Young, directing. Mr. William Whitaker is organist, assisted by Mr.
Herbert Silberstein, violinist, and Mr. Frank Le Jeune, cellist.

The ushering is in charge of ushers of The Chicago Temple.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to Dr. Robert Bruce Pierce, the officials and
members of The Chicago Temple for providing the setting for the first meeting of the
General Conference.

II

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

VOTE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES ON

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

NOS. 1964-1

1964-2

1964-3

1964-4

1964-5

VOTE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS NOS. 1964-1, 1964-2, 1964-3, 1964-4, AND 1964-5

Amendment No. 1964-1 Amends Par. 14 of the Constitution to require a Jurisdictional Conferences to meet concurrently.

Amendment No. 1964-2 Amends Par. 38 of the Constitution relative to transfer of Bishops from one Jurisdictional Conference to another.

Amendment No. 1964-3 Amends Par. 47 of the Constitution to add the presence of the Conference W.S.C.S. and the Conference lay leader to the Annual Conference membership.

Amendment No. 1964-4 Amends Par. 47 of the Constitution to provide that each pastoral charge shall elect as many lay members to the Annual Conference as it has full-time ministers in full connection appointed to it.

Amendment No. 1964-5 Amends Amendment IX relative to the process of dissolving the Central Jurisdiction by two deletions.

Annual Conference	Amendment 1964-1			Amendment 1964-2			Amendment 1964-3			Amendment 1964-4			Amendment 1964-5
	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present
Agra.....							No Record						
Alabama-West Florida.....	492	146	346	495	253	242	489	425	64	491	404	87	490
Angola.....							No Record						
Argentina.....	105	101	4	105	101	4	93	81	12	92	45	47	112
Baltimore.....	548	548	0	544	544	0	559	557	2	568	556	12	560
Belgium.....							No Record						
Bengal.....							No Record						
Bolivia.....	35	30	5	36	30	6	37	33	4	37	34	3	37
Bombay.....	72	72	0	72	72	0	72	72	0	72	50	22	72
Burma.....	34	34	0	34	33	1	34	32	2	No Record		No Record	
California-Nevada.....	501	501	0	504	504	0	469	443	26	465	462	3	412
Central Alabama.....	98	98	0	104	104	0	107	107	0	107	107	0	107
Central Congo.....	66	66	0	81	81	0	81	81	0	84	84	0	83
Central Germany.....	143	143	0	143	143	0	143	143	0	143	143	0	143
Central Illinois.....	155	154	1	163	163	0	167	167	0	173	172	1	165
Central Kansas.....	234	234	0	214	214	0	234	233	1	281	280	1	228
Central New York.....	212	211	1	195	195	0	187	164	23	187	111	76	190
Central Pennsylvania.....	191	191	0	197	197	0	169	142	27	177	132	45	184
Central Texas.....	294	0	294	310	310	0	316	315	1	313	313	0	313
Central West.....	39	39	0	39	39	0	39	39	0	40	40	0	41
Chile.....	61	61	0	61	61	0	61	58	3	61	55	6	61
Cuba.....	54	54	0	56	56	0	64	64	0	57	57	0	58
Czechoslovakia.....							No Record						
Delaware.....	164	164	0	179	179	0	182	182	0	180	180	0	178
Delhi.....	80	80	0	80	80	0	80	80	0	80	80	0	80
Denmark.....	41	0	41	39	39	0	42	38	4	38	36	2	42
Detroit.....	491	491	0	541	541	0	539	538	1	545	488	57	584
East China.....							No Record						
East Wisconsin.....	239	238	1	240	240	0	237	233	4	237	234	3	238
Florida (SE).....	512	7	505	515	497	18	533	415	118	550	541	9	545
Florida (C).....	84	84	0	84	84	0	84	84	0	84	84	0	82
Foochow.....							No Record						
Georgia.....	70	70	0	72	72	0	72	72	0	72	72	0	72
Gujarat.....	73	73	0	73	73	0	73	73	0	73	73	0	73
Hinghwa.....							No Record						
Holston.....	296	111	185	297	292	5	315	315	0	316	314	2	303
Hyderabad.....	82	82	0	82	82	0	82	82	0	82	82	0	82
Idaho.....	60	59	1	67	65	2	69	69	0	68	67	1	69
Indiana.....	272	272	0	263	263	0	269	269	0	258	258	0	260
Indus River.....	47	47	0	47	47	0	47	47	0	47	47	0	47
Kansas.....	209	209	0	220	220	0	221	221	0	209	209	0	215
Kentucky.....	191	185	6	193	190	3	196	193	3	176	129	47	187
Kiangsi.....							No Record						
Liberia.....	114	114	0	114	114	0	114	114	0	114	114	0	114
Little Rock.....	181	2	179	187	0	187	189	153	36	194	179	15	182
Louisiana (SC).....	376	46	330	379	378	1	409	409	0	397	397	0	275
Louisiana (C).....	111	111	0	111	111	0	111	111	0	110	110	0	111
Louisville.....	156	152	4	164	164	0	170	166	4	152	123	29	160
Lucknow.....							No Record						
Madhya Pradesh.....	41	41	0	42	42	0	41	41	0	41	40	1	41

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	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay
.....	124	124	0	124	124	0	119	111	8	124	116	8	135	135	0
.....	49	49	0	48	48	0	53	53	0	50	50	0	50	50	0
.....	81	81	0	81	81	0	79	79	0	79	79	0	80	80	0
.....	210	185	25	194	180	14	201	201	0	213	212	1	226	223	3
.....	269	267	2	273	273	0	265	265	0	270	269	1	274	274	0
.....	No Record														
.....	73	73	0	76	76	0	79	39	40	64	64	0	63	63	0
.....	No Record														
.....	390	385	5	388	359	29	392	379	13	390	328	62	390	385	5
.....	328	11	317	238	106	182	312	312	0	293	293	0	258	236	22
.....	116	116	0	114	114	0	115	115	0	115	115	0	115	115	0
.....	253	253	0	260	260	0	250	250	0	201	201	0	208	208	0
.....	317	317	0	323	323	0	306	306	0	305	275	30	345	345	0
.....	113	107	6	114	113	1	114	109	5	112	62	50	111	109	2
.....	No Record														
.....	151	150	1	167	167	0	161	161	0	172	171	1	152	152	0
.....	238	238	0	246	246	0	238	169	69	229	221	8	238	235	3
.....	116	116	0	177	177	0	172	14	158	170	168	2	175	175	0
.....	72	72	0	76	76	0	77	77	0	78	78	0	78	78	0
.....	144	0	144	136	3	133	168	168	0	143	143	0	150	148	2
.....	472	472	0	472	472	0	472	472	0	472	465	7	472	472	0
.....	541	540	1	556	556	0	566	549	17	528	434	94	542	541	1
.....	204	204	0	232	232	0	216	151	65	210	199	11	237	237	0
.....	536	46	490	551	373	178	578	537	41	575	474	101	563	346	217
.....	184	0	184	184	0	184	185	185	0	187	187	0	177	176	1
.....	302	49	253	267	103	164	291	288	3	292	288	4	223	196	27
.....	123	123	0	140	140	0	134	134	0	130	130	0	136	136	0
.....	No Record														
.....	89	89	0	83	83	0	71	56	15	68	66	2	68	68	0
.....	424	52	372	461	253	208	455	455	0	462	455	7	404	368	36
.....	No Record														
.....	233	232	1	242	242	0	234	234	0	227	227	0	232	232	0
.....	303	303	0	317	317	0	332	329	3	312	296	16	331	331	0
.....	209	190	19	199	187	12	249	249	0	214	214	0	172	171	1
.....	313	79	234	275	274	1	253	253	0	294	288	6	298	298	0
.....	39	39	0	39	39	0	39	39	0	39	39	0	39	39	0
.....	109	109	0	111	111	0	116	116	0	118	116	2	115	115	0
.....	78	78	0	79	79	0	76	53	23	78	78	0	77	77	0
.....	53	53	0	53	53	0	53	53	0	53	53	0	53	53	0
.....	245	245	0	240	240	0	243	243	0	250	250	0	259	259	0
.....	74	73	1	75	75	0	80	80	0	83	83	0	80	80	0
.....	216	216	0	198	198	0	213	213	0	204	202	2	206	206	0
.....	83	83	0	93	93	0	94	94	0	93	93	0	93	93	0
.....	729	727	2	733	733	0	734	732	2	734	732	2	584	583	1
.....	434	14	420	404	34	370	437	437	0	439	438	1	441	440	1
.....	219	219	0	220	220	0	229	229	0	201	197	4	220	220	0
.....	388	382	6	388	377	11	389	273	116	387	299	88	387	370	17
.....	272	272	0	252	252	0	272	272	0	266	265	1	266	266	0
.....	206	55	151	256	256	0	288	221	67	244	243	1	248	248	0
.....	47	47	0	47	47	0	47	47	0	47	47	0	47	47	0
.....	No Record														
.....	89	87	2	89	88	1	85	81	4	89	89	0	89	89	0
.....	402	401	1	477	471	6	482	480	2	526	524	2	516	516	0
.....	153	148	5	153	149	4	153	143	10	153	138	15	153	152	1
.....	47	47	0	47	47	0	48	48	0	47	47	0	47	47	0
.....	No Record														
.....	376	9	367	365	249	116	414	407	7	475	471	4	203	193	10
.....	193	193	0	181	181	0	176	176	0	178	178	0	165	165	0
.....	177	177	0	177	177	0	152	145	7	157	157	0	126	126	0
.....	83	83	0	83	83	0	83	83	0	83	83	0	83	83	0
.....	469	6	463	352	294	58	381	380	1	380	380	0	388	194	194
.....	142	141	1	142	141	1	142	141	1	142	141	1	142	141	1
.....	No Record														
.....	301	301	0	316	316	0	308	308	0	319	316	3	316	316	0
.....	767	751	16	762	743	19	766	728	38	767	711	56	765	749	16
.....	54	54	0	59	58	1	62	61	1	58	58	0	60	60	0
.....	164	164	0	164	164	0	164	164	0	164	164	0	164	164	0
.....	257	257	0	257	257	0	257	255	2	257	257	0	257	257	0
.....	53	53	0	53	53	0	59	59	0	59	59	0	59	59	0
.....	80	80	0	80	80	0	80	80	0	80	80	0	80	80	0
.....	246	222	24	270	270	0	295	295	0	277	277	0	284	283	1
.....	180	180	0	180	180	0	179	179	0	180	180	0	180	180	0
.....	145	145	0	145	145	0	145	145	0	145	145	0	145	145	0
.....	216	168	48	207	197	10	187	187	0	161	128	33	164	161	3
.....	123	123	0	124	124	0	128	128	0	129	127	2	126	126	0
.....	387	387	0	377	377	0	380	380	0	355	355	0	362	362	0
.....	115	115	0	112	112	0	117	117	0	119	119	0	119	119	0

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Annual Conference	Amendment 1964-1			Amendment 1964-2			Amendment 1964-3			Amendment 1964-4			Amendment 1964-5	
	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye	Nay	Present	Aye
Troy.....	179	179	0	173	172	1	171	171	0	190	190	0	193	193
Upper Mississippi.....	96	96	0	74	74	0	76	76	0	74	74	0	77	77
Uruguay.....	37	36	1	36	36	0	37	33	4	37	30	7	37	37
Virginia.....	545	474	71	606	605	1	608	603	5	609	548	61	532	491
Washington.....	174	174	0	179	179	0	175	175	0	175	174	1	181	181
West China.....	No Record													
West Texas.....	100	100	0	85	85	0	110	110	0	114	114	0	117	117
West Virginia.....	300	298	2	209	209	0	222	222	0	194	190	4	208	208
West Wisconsin.....	149	149	0	151	151	0	148	10	138	152	59	93	125	125
Western New York.....	264	264	0	268	268	0	243	156	87	248	234	14	248	248
Western North Carolina.....	693	31	662	462	454	8	488	488	0	499	495	4	458	458
Western Pennsylvania.....	505	505	0	511	511	0	500	500	0	497	473	24	502	502
Wyoming.....	181	176	5	182	182	0	178	88	90	181	115	66	164	164
Yenping.....	No Record													
Provisional Annual Conference in U. S. Puerto Rico Prov.....	No Record													
Totals.....	25885	19680	6205	25749	23567	2182	26042	24665	1377	25856	24485	1371	25049	24011

I hereby certify that as of this date, November 7, 1966 the Total Vote on Amendments Nos. 1964-1, 1964-2, 1964-3, 1964-4 and 1964-5 is a true and correct record as reported to my office by the various Annual Conferences.

J. WESLEY HOLE, *Secretary*
The General Conference
The Methodist Church

III
DECISIONS
OF THE
JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH

Numbers 217-245

1964-1966

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The personnel and officers of the Judicial Council for the quadrennium 1964-68 are printed on page 2400.

The Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Council are printed on pages 954-955, Volume I, of the 1964 General Conference Journal.

All Decisions of the Judicial Council up to and including Decision No. 216 are printed in the 1964 General Conference Journal Volume I, Pages 956-983.

Decisions 217-245 inclusive which have been rendered by the Judicial Council between the adjournment of the 1964 General Conference session and the adjournment of the 1966 Special Session are printed in full in the ensuing pages.

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In Re: Authority Over Mergers of Annual Conferences

DIGEST OF DECISION

The authority to authorize a merger of two Annual Conferences is vested by the Constitution of The Methodist Church in the Jurisdictional Conference of which the Annual Conferences are members, and this authority may not be delegated to the Annual Conferences.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At its 1964 session, the Central Jurisdiction adopted in amended form a series of recommendations of a previously authorized Study Committee (popularly known as the "Committee of Five") looking toward, among other things, the merger of certain of its Annual Conferences, the realignment of the boundaries of others, and the ultimate transfer of its Annual Conferences into other Jurisdictional Conferences on terms and conditions mutually satisfactory.

In an apparent effort to speed up the process of merger of Annual Conferences within the Central Jurisdiction between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, the 1964 session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference adopted in amended form a recommendation of its Committee of Five, as follows:

"That the Jurisdictional Conference enact enabling legislation granting authority to any two Annual Conferences within the same regional jurisdiction to merge and form a single annual conference, provided the boundaries of the new conference shall coincide with the geographical boundaries of that Jurisdiction."

Jurisdiction

The Central Jurisdictional Conference, at its 1964 session authorized and directed an appeal in its name to the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision as to the Constitutionality of the action quoted in the statement of facts.

Jurisdiction to make such a declaratory decision is

granted the Judicial Council in Paragraph 914.5 of the *Discipline*.

Analysis

Authority to determine number, names, and boundaries of Annual Conferences in the United States is vested in the several Jurisdictional Conferences by Section IV, Article V, Paragraph 4 and Section VIII, Article IV of the Constitution of The Methodist Church. The provisions appear in Paragraphs 15 and 29 of the 1960 *Discipline*.

The merger of two Annual Conferences may have far-reaching consequences affecting voting rights at General Conference sessions, episcopal supervision, salary and pension rights of ministers, the support of institutions and agencies of the Annual Conferences concerned and, quite possibly, the overall effectiveness of the Christian ministry in the Annual Conferences involved.

A Jurisdictional Conference is in a much better position to weigh the overall consequences of a merger of two Annual Conferences than are these conferences themselves. It should be able to resolve conflicting interests of the two Annual Conferences.

It is for these reasons, among others, that we determine that a Jurisdictional Conference may not delegate to its constituent Annual Conferences its authority to determine when, and under what conditions, two Annual Conferences may merge. We made a similar ruling twenty years ago with respect to delegation of authority to determine boundaries between two Annual Conferences (In re: Boundaries, Baltimore and Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference—Decision No. 28) and the reasoning of that decision still persuades us of its soundness.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the action of the Central Jurisdiction is unconstitutional as a delegation of authority to its Annual Conferences which it alone may exercise.

However, nothing in this advisory opinion is intended to cast doubt upon the Constitutionality of the action of the Central Jurisdiction at its 1964 session wherein it authorized the merger of the Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Annual Conferences. No delegation of its authority was involved in that action.

October 30, 1964.

**In Re: Request of the Southwest Texas Annual
Conference for a Declaratory Decision
As to the Legality of Its Proposed
“Tax-Sheltered Annuity
Trust Fund”**

DIGEST OF DECISION

There is no disciplinary authority for the organization and administration of a “Tax-Sheltered Annuity Trust Fund” by an Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The following communication was received by the Secretary of the Judicial Council:

“WHEREAS, the Southwest Texas Annual Conference has this day May 21, 1964, adopted the attached Tax-Sheltered Annuity Program open to its ministerial members; Therefore, Be It Resolved,

“That the Southwest Texas Annual Conference hereby requests a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council as to the legality of this plan under the provisions of Pars. 1604; 1610.1, 4; 1611.1; 1613; and 1630.10 of the 1960 *Discipline* and other applicable rules and regulations of the Pension Code of The Methodist Church.

“As Secretary of The Southwest Texas Annual Conference, I hereby certify that the above request was adopted by said Conference on May 21, 1964 and is to be found on pages 66 and 142 of the 1964 Journal of said Conference and that the attached statement is true and correct copy of the Report and explanatory materials of the Board of Pensions of said Conference.

/s/ Murray O. Johnson
Secretary
Southwest Texas Conference
The Methodist Church”

In addition to the above communication certifying the request of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference, the following documents were received from the Secretary of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference:

1. A reprint of pages 138 and 139 of the Southwest Texas Conference Journal for 1964 which is the report of the Board of Pensions as adopted by the Southwest Texas Conference in session on May 21, 1964.

2. A mimeographed copy of “Questions and Answers” about the proposed pension program of the Southwest Texas Conference for 1964-1965.

3. A copy of the Southwest Texas Conference News which includes an article written by the Rev. Leroy Russell, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Pensions, as an explanation of the program.

4. A reprint of pages 63, 64, 65, 66, and 67 which are the daily minutes for the morning sessions of May 21, 1964, of the Southwest Texas Conference of The Methodist Church.

The official Journal of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference of Thursday, May 21, 1964, records the action of that Annual Conference in the adoption of Report No. 1 of its Board of Pensions. Item #3 of that report reads as follows:

"3. That the Annual Conference authorize the establishment of the Tax-Sheltered Annuity Trust Fund by the Board of Pensions of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference, to receive and *personally credit* funds from ministers, to invest these funds, and to pay annuities to *the contributing ministers on their retirement*. Participation in this Annuity Program is to be *voluntary*, and the *amount each minister authorizes to be withheld from his salary for deposit with the fund is to be voluntary*. Income tax deduction at the time will be allowed on any amount up to 16.66% of the minister's salary, in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board of Pensions recommends that each minister have a minimum of 3% of his salary withheld and remitted to the Trust Fund by the Treasurer of the church or employing institution, for his annuity contract. The annuity payments received by the minister upon his retirement or his widow, shall be based upon the amount accrued in his account from deposits and interest, and shall be determined by standard actuarial tables at the time. The annuity a minister shall receive from this account shall be in addition to the pension paid by the Conference, which is based on his number of service years.

"With the adoption of the Tax-Sheltered Annuity Program the 3% apportionment of each minister's salary for the Conference Claimants Fund shall be discontinued. However, this shall not be construed as changing in any way, the indebtedness of any minister for non-payment of this apportionment while it was in effect, or of the interest charged on defaults created prior to its discontinuance." (Emphasis added.)

Following the adoption of the report the Annual Conference Journal of the same date records the adoption of the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Southwest Texas Annual Conference has this day, May 21, 1964, adopted the attached Tax-Sheltered Annuity Program open to its ministerial members: Therefore, Be It Resolved, that The Southwest Texas Annual Conference hereby requests a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council as to the legality of this plan under the provisions of Paragraphs 1604, 1610.1, 4, 1611.1, 1613, 1630.10 of the 1964 *Discipline* and other applicable rules and regulations of the Pension Code of The Methodist Church."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council takes jurisdiction in this case under the provisions of Paragraph 914.8 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

From the facts as presented to the Council it appears that the Southwest Texas Annual Conference, by its action in adopting the report of its Board of Pensions as quoted above, proposes to establish for the benefit of individual ministerial members of the Conference a Reserve Pension Fund to be administered by the Conference Board of Pensions to be called a "Tax-Sheltered Annuity Trust Fund." Participation in the Fund would be voluntary, each minister being permitted to contribute 3 per cent or more of his salary. The Conference Board of Pensions is given the responsibility for the profitable investment of the ministerial contributions. A separate account is to be set up for each contributing minister for the purpose of recording the

amounts of his contributions plus his proportionate share of the earnings of the Fund. The total of these sums is to be used at the time of the contributing minister's retirement to provide an annuity in addition to the pension regularly provided by the Annual Conference, such annuity to be determined from actuarial tables in effect at the time.

The question submitted to the Judicial Council is: "Does the Southwest Texas Annual Conference have authority under the provisions of the *Discipline* to establish and administer such a Fund?"

Paragraph 22 of the 1964 *Discipline*, which is Division Two, Section VII, Article II of the Constitution, states: "The Annual Conference is the basic body in the church . . . It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

Paragraph 1610.1 of the 1964 *Discipline* sets forth the authority of an Annual Conference in the field of ministerial pensions as follows:

"Annual Conferences, hereafter in this chapter called conferences, are authorized to establish and maintain investment funds, preachers aid societies, and organizations and funds of similar character, under such names, plans, rules and regulations as they may determine, the income from which shall be applied to the support of conference claimants. It is recommended that each conference provide a corporation to administer its permanent funds, under some other corporate name than that used by the General Board of Pensions, the directors of which shall be elected, or otherwise designated, by the conference where permissible under the laws of the state of incorporation."

The function of the Annual Conference Board of Pensions is set forth in Paragraph 1611.1 of the *Discipline*:

"There shall be organized in each Annual Conference a conference board, auxiliary to the General Board of Pensions, to be known as the Conference Board of Pensions . . . which shall have charge of the interests and work of providing for the support of its conference claimants, except as otherwise provided for by the general board."

Under "Pension Code," Paragraph 1613 of the *Discipline* sets forth the responsibility of the General Board of Pensions in relation to the pensioning of ministers in Annual Conferences as follows:

"The administration of the pensions and support of conference claimants within the Annual Conferences situated in the United States, hereafter in this chapter called conferences, shall be the responsibility of the General Board

of Pensions, and shall be governed by the rules and regulations contained in the following code, and such amendments thereto as may hereafter be adopted."

Paragraph 1630.10 of the *Discipline*, also a part of the Pension Code, places a limit upon the authority of an Annual Conference, as follows:

"An Annual Conference may not make any arrangement with a life insurance company for the purchase of annuities for the benefit of individual effective or retired ministers, or take any steps to nullify, in whole or in part, the annuity plan of The Methodist Church by making contracts with outside parties. However, group life insurance may be provided through the medium of a life insurance company."

From the facts as stated, the action of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference now under review, in effect provides for the organizing of an insurance plan under the direction of its Board of Pensions, which would receive contributions, make investments and promise at some future date to pay annuities to its policy or contract holders in accordance with generally accepted actuarial tables.

In the disciplinary provisions quoted above, we find no authority for the organization or administration of such an insurance plan on the part of an Annual Conference. Paragraph 1610.1 of the *Discipline* which has been cited by the proponents of the Plan as containing the authority for its organization, actually authorizes the Annual Conference "to establish and maintain *investment funds, preachers aid societies, and organizations and funds of similar character, . . . the income from which shall be applied to the support of conference claimants*. It is recommended that each conference provide a corporation to administer its permanent funds . . ." (Emphasis added).

It seems clear to us that this and succeeding paragraphs of this Chapter have to do with the establishment and administration of endowment or permanent funds which are invested for the benefit of all conference claimants of an Annual Conference and do not contemplate nor authorize the establishment of a reserve pension fund by the conference for the benefit of individual subscribers or contributors.

The establishment of a Ministers Reserve Pension Fund and a Partial Reserve Pension Fund as a part of the annuity plan of The Methodist Church is a function of the General Board of Pensions as authorized in Paragraphs 1642-1657 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Further sustaining this opinion are the provisions of Paragraph 1630.10, quoted above, which denies to the Annual Conference the making of any arrangements with insurance companies or outside parties for the purchase of

annuities for the benefit of individual effective or retired ministers. While not specifically stated, the strong implication of this prohibitive provision would make it apply to an act of an Annual Conference by which it establishes itself or its own Board of Pensions as the insuring body.

We are unable to find any provision in the 1964 *Discipline* which would authorize the organization and administration of a reserve pension fund, such as the Proposed Tax-Sheltered Annuity Trust Fund of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference. We must, therefore, hold that this action of the Annual Conference is without warrant under the present provisions of the *Discipline*.

Decision

The action of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference in setting up a Tax-Sheltered Annuity Trust Fund to be administered by its Board of Pensions for the benefit of individual retired ministers is without warrant under the present provisions of the *Discipline*.

October 30, 1964.

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In Re: Request of the North Arkansas Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision As to the Meaning of Paragraph 1618.2e, 1960 Discipline

DIGEST OF DECISION

A ministerial member of an Annual Conference may receive annuity claim credit if he is "appointed to attend school" for any years in which he has been so appointed in the period 1952 to 1960. However, for such a person, years after 1960 may be counted only if they do not bring the total years of annuity claim under this category to more than three.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The North Arkansas Annual Conference on June 3, 1964, adopted the following motion which is recorded in the Daily Proceedings of that Conference:

"Motion: James H. Woodward moved that the Conference request a ruling from the Judicial Council concerning Paragraph 1618.2e, 1960 Discipline, as it applies to certain men who have been in school. The motion carried."

The Secretary of the Annual Conference indicated the reason for the request in a letter dated June 6, 1964, as follows:

"A member of the Conference has attended seminary three years prior to 1960 and then decided to work for his Ph.D. He is interpreting the above paragraph to allow him three years after 1960, regardless of the number of years he had before that year. He argues the doctorate will make him a better qualified minister and therefore the

years required to get the doctorate beyond the three years prior to 1960 should be allowed for annuity credit.

"Another member of the Conference is taking four years to go through seminary because he is serving a pastorate. He wants to be allowed four years, as the school of theology encourages him to use four years because of his outside work."

Jurisdiction

The request is properly before the Council under the provisions of Paragraph 914.8 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

Two cases are involved. Attention will be directed first to the one mentioned in the first paragraph quoted above from the letter of the Conference Secretary, dated June 6, 1964.

The person involved, A. W. Martin, Jr., has requested a more liberal interpretation of Paragraph 1618.2e than that made by the Conference Board of Pensions and the General Board of Pensions. He contends in a brief submitted to the Council that he should be allowed annuity credit for years in which he was "appointed to attend school" up to three years *after* 1960 in addition to any years of credit he might have between 1952 and 1960 in which he was "appointed to attend school."

The position of the General Board of Pensions, which is also that of the Board of Pensions of the North Arkansas Conference, is stated in the brief submitted by Claire C. Hoyt, General Secretary of the General Board of Pensions. That brief, after reviewing the legislation in detail, concludes:

"The case before the Judicial Council from North Arkansas . . . raises the question of whether a person may receive credit for three years as a student before 1960 and three years again after 1960. The history of this legislation indicates that this was not the intent of the General Conference. It was the intention of the Pension Committee of the 1960 General Conference, and it is the interpretation of the General Board of Pensions that a minister who has three or more school years prior to 1960 has the maximum number of school years possible for annuity credit under the pension code. The reference to 1960 in Paragraph 1618.2e seemed to be necessary because the General Conference of 1960 felt it could not take away the possibility of credit for student years which it had given in 1952. It felt that it did have the right, however, to change its course of action from 1960 forward. This was its intention in 1960 as expressed in the present Paragraph 1618.2e."

The claim in the first case rests on two arguments: (1)

that the church does recognize the importance of advanced degrees beyond seminary graduation and therefore should make pension provision for a person to continue in graduate school in the hope of earning an advanced degree, and (2) that he has been injured because of the interpretation of Paragraph 1618.2e which has been made by the General Board of Pensions and the North Arkansas Conference Board of Pensions.

The first argument is irrelevant. The General Conference has made provision for a person entering the ministry of the church so that he is eligible for up to three years of pension credit after being received on trial if he is "appointed to attend school." That is explicit. The legislation makes no comment as to what degree is sought or whether any is sought.

The second argument has more merit. Those who drafted the legislation probably considered it clear and explicit. It is not. Taking the statement as it stands in the 1960 *Discipline* a person who did not know the history of Paragraph 1618.2e might conceivably draw the conclusion which the claimant draws.

If legislation is clearly subject to two different interpretations the Council must take into account the history of the legislation including intent as revealed in pertinent discussions in the legislature and the legislative committee. In the present case, as indicated in the brief of the General Secretary of the Board of Pensions, the three-year limit on annuity credit for a person appointed to attend school which had prevailed prior to 1952 was removed in that year. The experience of the pension agencies of the church between 1952 and 1960 caused them to request re-enactment of the three-year limitation in 1960. However, because of the generally recognized impropriety of applying a rule *ex post facto*, provision was made in 1960 to allow any years of annuity credit which had been granted to a person in the 1952-60 period but not to allow the accumulation of more than three years of credit for anyone who did not in 1960 have more than that maximum. In this context the intent of the 1960 legislation seems plain and the more restrictive interpretation employed by the boards of pensions seems to be the more logical.

In the second of the two cases presented by the North Arkansas Conference the person concerned, Joe Edwin Lina, contends he should be allowed four years of pension credit because the theological seminary which he is attending "is requiring him to attend the extra year as he is pastoring a church." In this instance no question is raised because of the change enacted in 1960 in Paragraph 1618.2e.

In this case there is no claim that the legislation is ambiguous or that the individual concerned has been injured by the change made in 1960. There is, therefore, no valid claim for an extra year's credit.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that a ministerial member of an Annual Conference, whether on trial or in full connection, who is "appointed to attend school" may, beginning with 1960, have not to exceed three years under such appointment counted for the purpose of determining annuity claims. If a person has been so appointed in the period 1952 to 1960 all of those years shall be counted. However, for such a person years "appointed to attend school" after 1960 may be counted only if they do not bring the total years of annuity claim under this category to more than three.

October 30, 1964.

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In Re: Constitutionality of Plan of Action Under Amendment IX of the Constitution Adopted By The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Recommending Transfer of Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences Under Certain Conditions

DIGEST OF ORDER

Upon the request of the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction our decision in the above captioned appeal is postponed pending further oral argument and consideration. Case set for further hearing in Evanston, Illinois on April 22, 1965.

MEMORANDUM

We have granted the request of the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction for two reasons. First, the time interval between the receipt of the briefs for petitioner and our annual meeting afforded no reasonable opportunity for representatives of the Central Jurisdiction to file reply briefs or to participate in oral argument with proper preparation. Secondly, petitioner's briefs have placed new interpretations upon (a) the scope and purpose of the challenged "plan of action," (b) the legal issues sought to be raised, and (c) the grounds of our jurisdiction, with the result that there must be a clarification of these matters before we can properly determine this appeal.

We are concerned by the fact that in petitioner's brief, for the first time, expressly at least, we are asked to determine the important

question whether the General Conference possesses any authority under the Constitution to determine, change or otherwise deal with the boundaries of Annual Conferences, particularly Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction transferred pursuant to Amendment IX. We believe that a matter of this importance should not come before us indirectly, obliquely, or uncertainly or without full and complete opportunity for all concerned to participate by brief and argument in our determination of this question.

We would welcome the filing of an appropriate petition under Par. 914 of the *Discipline* squarely and directly raising this or any other related question of constitutionality which either the Southeastern Jurisdiction or the Central Jurisdiction may deem to be involved in the above captioned appeal. Should any such petition for declaratory decision be filed we urge its submission to us at least 40 days prior to our scheduled meeting on April 22, 1965.

October 30, 1964.

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In Re: Request of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for Ruling as to the Meaning of the Final Sentence in Paragraph 509 of the 1964 Discipline

DIGEST OF DECISION

The special session of the 1964 General Conference to be held in 1966, called pursuant to Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*, is an adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference and shall be composed of the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference without change in number by reason of the elimination through transfer or merger of Annual Conferences subsequent to the regular session of said General Conference, or by reason of increase or decrease in membership of any Annual Conference. An Annual Conference may, in its discretion, conduct a new election to designate who shall serve as its delegates to the adjourned session of the General Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Pursuant to the action of the 1964 General Conference authorizing a special session in 1966 (see May 4, 1964, *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 319 and 491 in re amendment to report of Commission on Church Union), the Commission on Entertainment and Program of the General Conference addressed a request to the Judicial Council for ruling on the application of the final sentence of Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline*. Paragraph 509 as amended by the 1964 General Conference (see Report #23, Committee on Conferences, May 4, 1964, page 350, *Daily Christian Advocate*, adopted page 631) provides:

"The General Conference, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present, or the Council of Bishops by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, or two-thirds (2/3) of all the Annual Conferences by a majority vote of each Annual Conference, shall have the power to call at any time an extra session of the General Conference to be held at such time as the Council of Bishops may choose and at such place as a committee chosen by the Council of Bishops may fix. The purpose

of such extra session shall be stated in the call and only such business shall be transacted as is in harmony with the purpose stated in the call. The General Conference thus called shall be composed of the delegates elected to the preceding General Conference, except when the Annual Conference shall prefer to have a new election."

The request for ruling is based on the fact that by action of the 1964 Jurisdictional Conferences held subsequent to the 1964 General Conference, some Annual Conferences have been eliminated through transfer or merger. The specific questions raised are as follows:

1. Are delegates who were elected to the 1964 General Conference, by an Annual Conference, which has been eliminated subsequently through transfer or merger, entitled to be seated at the 1966 special session of the General Conference?
2. Are the Annual Conferences which receive additional members as a result of such subsequent transfers or mergers entitled to elect delegates to the 1966 special session of the General Conference on the basis of their ministerial membership as of their session in 1965, or are these Conferences entitled to only the same number of delegates at the 1966 special session as they elected to the 1964 regular session?

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision on this matter under Paragraph 914.2 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

We construe the action of the 1964 General Conference in adopting the report of the Commission on Church Union as amended to constitute the call of a limited adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference to be held in October, 1966. We interpret the final sentence of Paragraph 509 to mean that such session of the General Conference shall be composed of the same delegates and equal in number as elected to the regular session of the General Conference unless the Annual Conference from which such delegates were elected determines to elect other persons to serve as replacement delegates. The elimination of Annual Conferences through transfer or merger by action taken subsequent to the regular session of the General Conference does not deprive delegates of such Annual Conferences who were elected to the 1964 General Conference of their right to be seated at the extra session.

In the event the Annual Conference from which a delegate was elected has been eliminated at the time of the extra session, such delegate shall become an additional delegate of the Annual Conference to which he is related at the time of the extra session.

We construe the clause in the final sentence of Paragraph 509, to wit, "except when an Annual Conference shall prefer to have a new election," to mean that an Annual Conference has the right and discretion to hold a new election

to select replacement delegates equal in number to those elected to the 1964 General Conference, but not to change the number of delegates by reason of transfer, merger, increase or decrease in membership.

Decision

The special session of the 1964 General Conference to be held in 1966, called pursuant to Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*, is an adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference and shall be composed of the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference without change in number by reason of the elimination through transfer or merger of Annual Conferences subsequent to the regular session of said General Conference, or by reason of increase or decrease in membership of any Annual Conference. An Annual Conference may, in its discretion, conduct a new election to designate who shall serve as its delegates to the adjourned session of the General Conference.

October 30, 1964.

Lester A. Welliver dissented.

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In Re: Petition of General Board of Lay Activities Concerning Tenure of Lay Members at Large On That Board

DIGEST OF DECISION

The election to membership on the General Board of Lay Activities of the five members at large from within the United States is not controlled by the restrictions of Paragraph 1491.1 of the 1964 *Discipline* to the effect that such election be held annually and that the member be not eligible to succeed himself.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Executive Committee of the General Board of Lay Activities, in session at Chicago, Illinois, September 11, 1964 passed a motion "instructing the General Secretary to take the necessary steps to request a Declaratory Judgment on an action passed by General Conference providing for the selection and term of office of a sixth layman at large as shown in Calendar 383, Report 46 of the Committee on Temporal Economy and Lay Activities, page 527 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this matter under the provisions of Paragraph 914.2 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

We are asked to determine the correct antecedent of the sentence in Paragraph 1491.1, 1964 *Discipline* which reads as follows:

"This shall be an annual election, and each man so elected shall not be eligible to succeed himself."

This sentence was part of an amendment made to Paragraph 1491.1 by the 1964 General Conference, which paragraph, as amended reads as follows:

"The board shall be composed of three effective bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops; six effective ministers, one from each jurisdiction; and thirty-two lay members, twenty-seven of whom shall be distributed among the several jurisdictions on the basis of church membership; provided that no jurisdiction shall have fewer than two lay members. The six ministers and the twenty-seven lay members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on nomination of their Committees on Lay Activities; provided that the lay members shall be selected from the present or past conference lay leaders of the several Annual Conferences in the jurisdiction. There shall be five lay members at large from within the United States, elected by the board on nomination of the Council of Bishops. *There shall also be one lay member at large from outside the United States, elected by the board on nomination of the Council of Bishops. This shall be an annual election, and each man so elected shall not be eligible to succeed himself.* The following shall be ex officio members: the secretary of stewardship or other national officer of the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the president or other national officer of the Methodist Student Movement, and the president or other national officer of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions. Interim vacancies in the lay membership shall be filled by the board itself. (1964 amendment in *Italics*.)

Petitioner holds that the sentence in question applies only to the sixth lay member at large, added by action of the 1964 General Conference from the Central Conferences, and requests "that the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church declare that it was the intent and purpose of the General Conference, in passing the legislation proposed in Calendar 383, Report 46 of the Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy as appears on page 527 of the Christian Advocate, dated May 7, 1964, to leave unchanged the selection and term of office of the five lay members at large as provided in the 1960 *Discipline*; that it was the intent and purpose of General Conference to add a *sixth* lay member at large to be selected in the same manner as the five afore-

said lay members at large; that it was the intent and purpose of General Conference to provide that said *sixth* lay member at large be selected for a term of one year and be rotated annually among the laymen from Overseas Conferences."

We are not in a position to determine the subjective intent either of the sponsoring committee or the General Conference. The 1964 amendment, quoted above, is clear when read by itself but its appropriate antecedent is admittedly ambiguous when interposed in Paragraph 1491.1 of the 1964 *Discipline*. Do the limitations of the second sentence of the amendment apply only to the first sentence of the amendment or also to the sentence preceding the amendment which directs the election of five lay members at large from within the United States?

We conclude that the limitations of the second sentence of the amendment were intended to govern only the first sentence of the amendment, which provided for a member at large from outside the United States. The value of rotating this membership on an annual basis is obvious; and the mischief of limiting the members at large from within the United States to one-year terms without the possibility of re-election is equally obvious. Furthermore, the practice of quadrennial elections to the Board of Lay Activities is of such long standing that we believe it highly unlikely that the practice would have been changed without a word of explanation or debate.

Decision

It is therefore the decision of the Judicial Council that the election to membership on the General Board of Lay Activities of the five members at large from within the United States is not controlled by the restrictions of Paragraph 1491.1 of the 1964 *Discipline* to the effect that such election be held annually and that the member be not eligible to succeed himself.

October 30, 1964.

John D. Humphrey and Theodore M. Berry dissented.

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In Re: Tenure of Members of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church

DIGEST OF DECISION

The provisions of Paragraph 1077 of the 1964 *Discipline* limiting the tenure of members of any division, board, commission or council

to twelve consecutive years do not apply to or limit the tenure of members of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Arnold A. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church filed with the Judicial Council the following statement from the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 20, 1964:

"The Chairman brought up for consideration the legal status of membership on the Board of certain of its individual members in light of the provisions of Section 1104 of the 1960 *Discipline*, this provision reading as follows:

"Tenure on any division, board, commission or council except the Council of Bishops and the Judicial Council shall be limited to twelve consecutive years provided, however, that this limitation shall take effect from the General Conference of 1952 and shall not be retroactive. To provide a continuing membership on these agencies it is recommended that each nominating and electing body give special attention to rotation of its representatives."

"In this connection the Chairman noted that the records of this Board disclose that Reber Boulton has been a member since 1942, that Alexander K. Smith, Bishop Hazen Werner and Arnold A. Johnson were elected in 1948 and Vinson M. Mouser was elected in 1952. This problem was thrown open for discussion.

"... it was the opinion of those present that any shadow of interpretation which might remain over the legality of the election of the members named above should be removed by submitting the question to the Judicial Council under the appropriate provisions of the *Discipline*. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, it was resolved to file such a petition with the Judicial Council raising the question of tenure stated above and the applicability of paragraph 1104 quoted above to the election of the five Board members named above and to request a ruling and decision from the Judicial Council thereon."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this matter under the provisions of Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

The tenure provisions of Paragraph 1104, 1960 *Discipline*, quoted above, were revised and carried forward in the 1964 *Discipline* under Paragraph 1077 and, in part, read as follows:

"Tenure on any *general agency* shall be limited to twelve consecutive years . . ." (emphasis added)

The General Conference of 1964 further clarified the meaning and application of the tenure provisions in Paragraph 1077 by adding Paragraph 1071 which defines the *general agencies* of The Methodist Church, as follows:

"The *general agencies* of The Methodist Church are the regularly established councils (not including the Council of Bishops, the Judicial Council, and the Council of Secre-

taries), boards, commissions, and committees which have been constituted by the General Conference. *Not included are boards of trustees . . .*" (emphasis added)

By excluding *boards of trustees* from the general agencies of The Methodist Church, tenure limitations defined as applying to "any general agency of The Methodist Church" in no way affects the tenure of the members of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that the twelve-year tenure rule does not apply to the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church.

April 23, 1965.

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In Re: Eligibility of Mr. Jim A. Egan to Serve as a Member at Large of the Board of Hospitals and Homes

DIGEST OF DECISION

No one, other than a bishop, is eligible for election to serve as a member of an agency of the Church while a member of another agency.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Pursuant to a question concerning the eligibility of one of the members-at-large elected by members of the Board of Hospitals and Homes on September 14, 1964, to serve on that agency, Mr. Olin E. Oeschger, General Secretary of the Board, submitted the following letter to the Judicial Council:

"At the Organization Meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes on September 14, 1964, the elected members of the Board met to elect seven members-at-large to complete the Disciplinary requirement for a twenty one-member Board of Managers (Par. 1552). Mr. Jim A. Egan, Muskogee, Oklahoma, was one of the seven so elected. He was duly notified of his election and acknowledged same under date of September 18, 1964.

"At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes on January 18-19, 1965, the Nominating Committee of the Board was advised that there was some question as to Mr. Egan's eligibility to serve since he had already been elected to membership on the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. Our attention was directed to Par. 1073 of the 1964 *Discipline*. Whether this and/or any other sections of the *Discipline* are relevant to this situation, we seek your interpretation. By official action of the Board of Managers we were requested

to petition The Judicial Council to make a Declaratory Decision regarding Mr. Jim A. Egan's eligibility to serve as a member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes during the current quadrennium."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this matter under the provisions of Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

Paragraph 1073 of the *Discipline* defines the eligibility of persons to serve on the agencies of the Church:

"No person other than a bishop shall serve at the same time on more than one *agency*." (emphasis added)

The meaning of the term, *general agency*, is defined in Paragraph 1071 as follows:

"The *general agencies* of The Methodist Church are the regularly established councils (not including the Council of Bishops, the Judicial Council, and the Council of Secretaries), boards, commissions, and committees which have been constituted by the General Conference. Not included are boards of trustees, interagency committees, such commissions and committees as are created by the General Conference to fulfill a special function within the ensuing quadrennium, ecumenical groups on which The Methodist Church is represented, or committees related to the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference." (emphasis added)

By this definition it is clear that both the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the Commission on Chaplains are general agencies of the Church. It is thus apparent that no one, other than a bishop, can be eligible to serve at the same time as a member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the Commission on Chaplains.

Jim A. Egan having been first elected a member of the Commission on Chaplains was ineligible for election to the Board of Hospitals and Homes and was not a legally elected member of that body, remaining a member of the Commission on Chaplains.

Decision

It is the Decision of the Judicial Council that Mr. Jim A. Egan is not eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes so long as he continues to serve as a member of the Commission on Chaplains.

April 23, 1965.

In Re: Petition of the Secretarial Council of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church for a Declaratory Decision with Reference to the Right of Local Churches to Determine Who May Attend Their Services of Worship

DIGEST OF DECISION

The Secretarial Council of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church is not such a "general conference board or body" as is authorized by Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline* to request a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council; and, in any event, the issue raised has become moot by the 1964 enactment of Paragraph 106.1 of the *Discipline*. The Judicial Council, therefore, declines to render a declaratory decision on this petition.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On or about March 5, 1965, A. Dudley Ward, Chairman, and Robert G. Mayfield, Secretary of the Secretarial Council of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church, filed a petition with this Council alleging that certain paragraphs of the 1960 *Discipline* seemed to be of doubtful meaning with respect to the practices of racial segregation in local Methodist churches. Said petition also alleges that the Secretarial Council of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church is a "body" of the General Conference entitled to petition the Judicial Council; and that alleged policies and practices of racial segregation in local churches relate to and affect the work of the said Secretarial Council.

As we understand it, the burden of the petitioner's brief is that at intervals between October 6, 1963, and March 29, 1964, some 34 individuals attempted to worship at certain Methodist Churches in Jackson, Mississippi, but were denied admission to the churches because they were in groups composed of both white and colored persons. The applicants for admission insisted upon being admitted and, upon refusing to leave the church premises when requested by local church officials to do so, they were arrested, tried and convicted in the civil courts of the State of Mississippi for disturbing the peace or disturbing public worship. The cases are now on appeal. The petitioners seek a ruling from the Judicial Council that the local churches exceeded their authority in refusing to permit the 34 individuals to participate in services of worship; and express the hope that a decision by the Council on this issue would be helpful to the defense of the accused persons.

The petitioner justifies our jurisdiction to entertain its petition by the argument that the freedom of all persons, irrespective of race or color, to attend the worship services of local churches of Methodism is "relevant to the work of the mandatory commissions in the local churches, and consequently are inescapably relevant to the work of the comparable general boards represented on the Interboard Commission on the Local Church."

The Interboard Commission coordinates the activities of the Boards represented on it. See Paragraphs 1160, 1162.1, 1162.2 and 1163 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

The Secretarial Council is an instrumentality of the Interboard

Commission, with responsibilities defined in Paragraph 1163 of the 1964 *Discipline* as follows:

"It shall be the function of this council to facilitate cooperation among the boards in the creative planning of programs and in avoiding overlapping of function or duplicating of activity."

Jurisdiction and Analysis

For the reasons hereinafter stated, the Judicial Council does not have jurisdiction to render a declaratory decision in this matter.

It is apparent to us that the Secretarial Council of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church is not such a "body" in The Methodist Church as is privileged to file a petition with the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision under Paragraph 914. While the Secretarial Council is organized at the direction of the General Conference, its function is to serve as the administrative arm of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church. It is the Commission rather than the Secretarial Council which is the "board or body" of the General Conference entitled to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision under Paragraph 914. We, therefore, hold that we do not have jurisdiction to entertain the petition of the Secretarial Council.

But we are unanimous in our judgment that the issue raised by the petition has become moot. The acts complained of in the petition occurred between October, 1963 and March, 1964. Any doubt as to whether the cited actions of the local churches were within their rights was put to rest by action of the General Conference in May, 1964 when the policy of the Church was determined to be as follows:

"106.1. The Methodist Church is a part of the Church Universal. Therefore all persons, without regard to race, color, national origin, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, to participate in its programs, and, when they take the appropriate vows, to be admitted into its membership in any local church in the connection.

"106.3. A member of a local Methodist church is a member of The Methodist Church anywhere in the connection."

There is no ambiguity in the position of The Methodist Church on the right of all persons to attend its worship services or, after appropriate vows, to be admitted to membership in any local church in the connection. If there was doubt prior to the action of the General Conference in May, 1964, it has been removed. Consequently, no board or body of the Church can claim that its work is presently, or here-

after will be, affected by an asserted ambiguity in the legislation of the Church as it existed between October, 1963 and March, 1964. The petition must be dismissed because the issue sought to be raised has become moot.

On his own motion, John D. Humphrey disqualified himself from participation in this decision.

Decision

The Secretarial Council of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church is not a "board or body" of the General Conference which is entitled to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision under Paragraph 914. In any event, the question sought to be raised by the petition, i.e., the right of a local church to determine who may attend its worship services has been determined by General Conference enactment of Paragraph 106.1 in May, 1964; and any asserted ambiguity as to the position of The Methodist Church prior to that date can no longer affect the work of any board or body of the General Conference.

April 23, 1965.

Dissent

We dissent from the majority of opinion on the question of jurisdiction. The holding by the majority that the Secretarial Council of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church is not a General Conference "body" authorized to petition the Judicial Council for declaratory decision within the meaning of Paragraph 914, we believe is too narrow and restrictive.

The Survey Commission to the General Conference of 1952 on "Administrative Agencies" reported and defined the administrative agencies of The Methodist Church as being "all committees, commissions, bureaus, or sections, divisions, boards, departments and councils (except the Council of Bishops and the Judicial Council) *created by the General Conference for the purpose of performing a specific function or functions.*" (Emphasis added.) (1952 *Daily Christian Advocate* page 26; see also Decisions 139 and 205)

Subsequently the General Conference adopted the substance of the Survey Commission report (Paragraph 1071) which is Part VII of the *Discipline* entitled Administrative Agencies. Chapter V of Part VII creates the Interboard Commission on the Local Church (Paragraph 1160) and the Secretarial Council for the purpose of implementing the work of the Interboard Commission (Paragraph 1163).

We believe Paragraph 914 was intended to be liberally construed and that any General Conference board or body,

on matters relating to or affecting the work of such board or body, is authorized to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision.

It appears clear to us that the Secretarial Council of the Interboard Commission on the Local Church created to implement the work of the Commission is a "body" of the General Conference and its petition for declaratory decision should be considered as within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council.

Had our view on the question of jurisdiction been adopted by the majority, we would and do concur in the holding that the issues raised by the petition of the Secretarial Council are moot by the adoption of Paragraph 106 of the *Discipline* by the 1964 General Conference; and that Paragraph 106 is constitutional, and that the Judicial Council should not lend itself to rendering decisions on matters that are moot by reason of existing law of The Methodist Church. We have so held in decisions 189 and 193.

April 23, 1965.

Respectfully submitted,
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In Re: Ruling of Bishop Shot K. Mondol in the Middle Philippines Annual Conference Concerning the Validity of Election of Delegates to the Adjourned Session of the General Conference of 1966

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Annual Conference which chooses to hold a new election for determining its representation in an extra session of the General Conference may decide for itself the time of the holding of such election.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under date of March 18, 1965, Bishop Shot K. Mondol wrote to the President of the Judicial Council relating the circumstances of an official ruling which he made as president of the Middle Philippines Annual Conference, meeting at Cabanatuan City, Philippines, March 10-14, 1965. The pertinent facts set forth in his communication appear as follows:

Acting under the provisions of Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline* the Annual Conference voted to hold a new election of delegates to the adjourned session of the General Conference to be held in 1966. An order of the day was set and the election was duly held.

On the following day a member of the conference questioned the legality of the election citing as grounds therefor the provisions of Paragraph 504.3 of the *Discipline* which requires that "The election of delegates, by ballot, shall be held at the session of the Annual

Conference immediately preceding the General Conference." A motion was made and debated that the election of the preceding day be declared "null and void." Thereupon and before a vote had been taken, a motion was made and passed referring the matter to the bishop and cabinet for study and a ruling by the bishop.

After consultation with the cabinet the bishop states, "After hearing both the groups and after much thought and prayer, I gave the ruling the next morning that the elections are valid. After giving my ruling I told the Conference that members were free to make an appeal to the Judicial Council if they want to. One member rose and made such an appeal which was sustained by one fifth of the members present and voting. This appeal will be forwarded to the Judicial Council by the dissenting group."

Certification of the action of the Annual Conference has been made to the Judicial Council by its secretary.

Jurisdiction

The appeal from the decision of Bishop Mondol in this case is properly before the Council under Paragraph 908 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*, in making provision for the calling of an extra session of the General Conference, states:

"The General Conference thus called shall be composed of the delegates elected to the preceding General Conference, except when an Annual Conference shall prefer to have a new election."

The Judicial Council in its Decision No. 221, bearing upon the character and composition of the 1966 called session of the General Conference, determined that it must be considered an adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference and as such would be composed of the same delegates as had been elected to serve in the 1964 General Conference. The Council also decided, however, that "an Annual Conference may, in its discretion, conduct a new election to designate who shall serve as it delegates to the adjourned session of the General Conference."

Under these provisions it is clear that the Middle Philippines Annual Conference was acting within its Disciplinary authority in ordering a new election to represent it at the 1966 session of the General Conference.

The only question which remains to be answered is whether the said election is subject to the restriction of Paragraph 504.3 of the 1964 *Discipline* which stipulates that, "The election of delegates, by ballot, shall be held at the session of the Annual Conference immediately preceding the General Conference." This provision is included in that portion of the *Discipline* captioned, "Composition of the General Conference," and is a re-statement of Section

VII, Article III, of the Constitution, Paragraph 23 of the *Discipline*.

We are convinced that the directions therein contained have reference to the regular sessions of the General Conference as authorized by the Constitution of the Church, Paragraph 6 of the *Discipline*, to "meet in the month of April or May once in four years" and do not apply to extra sessions of the General Conference.

The *Discipline* contains no specific directions concerning the holding of a new election as referred to in Paragraph 509. According to the provisions of this paragraph an extra session is composed of the delegates who had been elected to the preceding General Conference, such delegates having been elected at the time and in the manner prescribed in Paragraph 504.3 of the 1964 *Discipline*. Provision is then made in Paragraph 509 for the holding of a new election by an Annual Conference, if it so decides, to replace its delegates who had previously been elected in accordance with the requirements of the *Discipline* for election to the regular session of the General Conference. Under such circumstances we hold that an Annual Conference exercising this option is fully empowered to decide for itself the time of the holding of such new election.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that an Annual Conference which holds a new election to determine its delegates to an extra session of the General Conference as provided in Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline* may use its own discretion in determining the time for the holding of such election. Therefore, the ruling of Bishop Shot K. Mondol in the Middle Philippines Annual Conference is hereby affirmed.

April 23, 1965.

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In Re: Request of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for a Declaratory Decision Concerning the Scope of Business and the Program of the Adjourned Session of the General Conference of 1966

DIGEST OF DECISION

The business of the General Conference session of 1966, by action of the General Conference itself, is restricted to reviewing and acting upon questions of union with the Evangelical United Brethren

Church and the receiving of a report of progress in the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction. Therefore:

1. The business of the 1966 session of the General Conference must be confined to matters fairly embraced within the two items referred to above unless the General Conference itself, by subsequent action, orders otherwise.
2. Whether legislative committees are to be used in the 1966 session of the General Conference is a matter to be determined by the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program.
3. Any Methodist member or group has the Disciplinary right to file a petition to the 1966 General Conference within the areas of business as prescribed by the General Conference for that session.
4. Arrangements for and the agenda of the 1966 session of the General Conference are the responsibilities of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program.
5. The General Conference itself must determine the length of the 1966 session.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Communications received from the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program and certified by the secretary, J. Wesley Hole, in effect petition the Judicial Council on behalf of that body for a declaratory decision resolving certain questions which have arisen in interpreting the actions of the General Conference of 1964 relating to the business and program of the adjourned session of the General Conference to be held in 1966. From these communications the following questions emerge:

1. What is the scope of business that can be transacted at the 1966 adjourned session?
2. Should provision be made for the use of legislative committees at the adjourned session?
3. Should petitions or memorials from the church at large be permitted?
4. Who has the responsibility or authority for making decisions relative to the arrangements and agenda for the special session?
5. Does the call for the 1966 session by the General Conference place a three-day time limit on that session?

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council assumes jurisdiction under provisions of Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

We address ourselves to the questions propounded in the order listed above:

1. The 1964 General Conference in its session of Tuesday morning, May 5, adopted an "Amendment to the Report of Commission on Church Union" as proposed by that Commission. (See *Daily Christian Advocate*, Pages 319 and 491). Pertinent paragraphs of the report when finally adopted and amended read as follows:

"2) That the Methodist General Conference be called in Special Session in October, 1966, at the time, and if practicable, at the place of the Evangélical United

Brethren, 1966 General Conference for the sole purpose of reviewing and acting on questions of church union. Included also may be a report of progress in the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction.

- "3) That the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church as presented, together with amendments and the record of the General Conference discussion and debate, be referred to the proper Commission for further study and discussion with the Evangelical United Brethren Commission on Church Union and the bringing of a perfected Plan of Union to the 1966 Special Session for review and action."

In response to a prior request of the Commission on Entertainment and Program of the General Conference the Judicial Council in its Decision No. 221 held that under the circumstances this action of the General Conference must be construed as a decision to hold an adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference to meet in October, 1966.

The petition now before the Judicial Council seeks an interpretation of the action of the General Conference in calling the 1966 session for considering a limited agenda.

Since as above stated we have held that the 1966 session is construed to be an adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference it is clear that the General Conference has plenary authority, subject only to constitutional limitations, to consider and act upon any matter which, under its own rules, it decides appropriate for its consideration.

It is equally clear that the 1964 General Conference, in making provision for the 1966 session, intended to confine the business of the adjourned session to two items: 1) the proposal for the union of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches, and 2) a report of progress in the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction. However, it appears from the context that the language of the restrictive clause, "for the sole purpose of reviewing and acting on questions of church union," was intended to be broadly interpreted. As evidence of this we quote the language of Charles C. Parlin, Chairman of the Commission on Church Union in presenting and explaining the purpose of the proposed 1966 session of the General Conference (See *Daily Christian Advocate*, Page 486) :

"This calls for a reference back to the Continuing Commission to study and bring to a special called session of this General Conference in October, 1966. That gives to them two and a half years to work, negotiate, perfect the Constitution and draft a *Discipline*.

"The change from presenting the Constitution at this

sitting in Pittsburgh and the reference back to two and a half years of study and bringing to a special called session in 1966 was that many members of this body felt that it was unfair to be asked to vote on the constitution without having seen at least the draft of the *Discipline*. . . . There were some details that they would like to see before they voted. That seems reasonable, so we plan to make this call."

This concept of the purpose and scope of the 1966 session seems never to have been called into question during the subsequent debate. We must conclude, therefore, that the intent of the General Conference was to include for discussion and action in the 1966 session a proposed Constitution and *Discipline* for a union of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches. The entire debate and discussion surrounding the adoption of this action convinces us that "questions of church union" as used in the quoted resolution above have reference solely to the proposed union of The Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches.

Subject, therefore, to the right of reconsideration, the General Conference has planned a limited agenda for the 1966 session and has restricted itself to reviewing and acting upon questions of union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the receiving of a report of the progress which has been made in the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction.

2. Whether or not legislative committees shall be used in the 1966 session of the General Conference is a question which must be answered by the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program under the authority vested in them by action of the General Conference to "determine the plan of organization of the special session." (*Daily Christian Advocate*, Page 722)

3. Under Paragraph 510 of the 1964 *Discipline*, any Methodist person or organization may file a petition to the 1966 session of the General Conference within the areas of business prescribed by the General Conference for that session.

4. The General Conference of 1964, in adopting a report of its Commission on Entertainment and Program as recorded in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Page 722, conferred upon the said Commission broad powers in the making of plans for the session of 1966. Included was the following: "arranging after consultation with the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs for the agenda and program for the special session."

5. While the discussion of the action of the General Con-

ference in planning for the 1966 session contains occasional reference to a three-day session on the part of individual participants in the discussion, we are unable to find any action on the part of the General Conference which would thus limit the duration of the 1966 session. We are of the opinion that this is not a matter to be judicially determined but is a matter which the General Conference itself must decide.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the business of the General Conference session of 1966, by action of the General Conference itself, is restricted to reviewing and acting upon questions of union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the receiving of a report of progress in elimination of the Central Jurisdiction. Therefore:

1. The business of the 1966 session of the General Conference must be confined to matters fairly embraced within the two items referred to above unless the General Conference itself, by subsequent action, orders otherwise.
2. Whether legislative committees are to be used in the 1966 session of the General Conference is a matter to be determined by the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program.
3. Any Methodist member or group has the Disciplinary right to file a petition to the 1966 General Conference within the areas of business as prescribed by the General Conference for that session.
4. Arrangements for and the agenda of the 1966 session of the General Conference are the responsibilities of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program.
5. The General Conference itself must determine the length of the 1966 session.

April 23, 1965.

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In Re: Request of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for Ruling Clarifying Decision No. 221

DIGEST OF DECISION

While the session of the General Conference to be held in 1966 is an adjourned session to be composed of the delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference, individual delegates have no vested right

to serve as such in the adjourned session and may be replaced by the Annual Conferences which they represent in the event of a new election held pursuant to the final sentence of Paragraph 509.

The provision for new elections under Paragraph 509 is not limited solely to those Annual Conferences which have not been merged or consolidated with other Annual Conferences since their election of delegates to the 1964 General Conference. A new election may also be held by any Annual Conference which is the survivor or product of a merger or consolidation of two or more Annual Conferences which separately were represented by delegates to the 1964 regular session of the General Conference. It is only in the case of an Annual Conference which has ceased to exist, by reason of the transfer of its churches to other Annual Conferences, that no provision for a new election under Paragraph 509 is made. Such Annual Conferences having been eliminated by such transfers and enjoying no legal continuity of existence through merger or consolidation obviously cannot be embraced in the election provisions of the final sentence of Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline*.

Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline* is applicable to adjourned as well as special sessions of the General Conference and is constitutional.

In the event there shall exist a vacancy in any delegation entitled to be seated at the adjourned session of the General Conference, such vacancy shall be filled in the usual manner governing the seating of reserves in regular sessions of the General Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

We have received from the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program a written request dated April 24, 1965 that we clarify our Decision No. 221, particularly with respect to the conditions under which delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference by an Annual Conference which has since been merged or consolidated with another Annual Conference may be replaced as a result of a new election pursuant to the final sentence of Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline*: also that we pass on the constitutionality of that paragraph.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision in this matter under Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline*.

Analysis

Nothing which we said in our Decision No. 221 was intended to suggest that a delegate elected to a regular session of the General Conference has a vested right under all conditions to be seated in any adjourned session of such Conference. Such a delegate serves in a representative capacity and his tenure may be the subject of General Conference legislation. It is our view that the General Conference has validly legislated with respect to said matter in Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline* wherein it has provided for new elections under certain circumstances. It is our further opinion that Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline*, re-

lating to an "extra" session of a General Conference, is equally as applicable to an adjourned session as it is to a special session. We find Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline* to be constitutional and not in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution found in Paragraph 23 of the *Discipline*. See Decision No. 226.

It was our intention to hold in Decision No. 221 and we now affirm that any existing Annual Conference which has not been merged or consolidated with any other Annual Conference since the election of its delegates to the 1964 regular session of the General Conference is entitled to hold a new election of delegates to the adjourned 1966 session if it prefers to do so. Similarly, any Annual Conference which is the survivor or product of a merger or consolidation of Annual Conferences theretofore existing separately at the time of the 1964 regular session may hold, if it chooses to do so, a new election to replace the delegates who were members of the delegations representing the constituent Annual Conferences involved in such merger or consolidation. By "merger or consolidation," we refer not only to statutory proceedings of that nature but also to any other voluntary proceedings having essentially the same legal effect. It is only in the case of an Annual Conference which has been eliminated by the transfer of its churches to one or more other Annual Conferences that there can be no new election because such an Annual Conference has ceased to exist and enjoys no continuity as a constituent part of an Annual Conference surviving a merger or consolidation. Accordingly, the delegates heretofore elected by such an Annual Conference, which has since ceased to exist, are not subject to replacement by a new election.

In the event there shall exist a vacancy in any delegation entitled to be seated at the adjourned session of the General Conference, such vacancy shall be filled in the usual manner governing the seating of reserves in regular sessions of the General Conference.

To the extent any language in our Decision No. 221 shall appear to be at variance with the views herein expressed, the same shall be understood to be modified and revised so as to accord with our decision and analysis herein.

Decision

We adhere to the views expressed and to our Decision No. 221 as clarified in the manner set forth above.

April 24, 1965.

**In Re: Appeal of the Chile Annual Conference from
the Decision of Bishop Pedro Zottele Concerning the
Applicability of Legislation of the Latin America
Central Conference
As to Limitation of Tenure in the District Superin-
tendency**

DIGEST OF DECISION

The legislation of the Latin America Central Conference limiting the years of tenure of a district superintendent became applicable on adoption so that after the passing of the legislation a bishop may not appoint any minister as a district superintendent for more than six consecutive years nor for more than six years in any consecutive nine years, including years prior to the enactment of the legislation.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

An appeal, dated March 11, 1965, from a decision of Bishop Pedro Zottele was received from Eduardo Stevens G., Secretary of the Chile Annual Conference, with the certification that it was "approved by more than two thirds of the members present." He first quoted an action of the Latin America Central Conference taken during the sessions held in Montevideo, Uruguay, July 4-12, 1964:

"Considering that in our annual conference there are District Superintendents who have had this responsibility more than six years, the Central Conference resolves: That Paragraph #432, number 3, has application in the Central Conference.

"It is to be understood that this period of six years is actual service in the Cabinet. The change of a superintendent from one district to another does not signify that the period established can be extended. An Annual Conference can suspend the action of this disposition in individual cases by the vote of two thirds of the Annual Conference."

The entire Par. 432.3 as it appears in the 1960 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church reads as follows:

"3. He (the bishop) shall choose and appoint the district superintendents annually; but within the Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States he shall not appoint any minister a district superintendent for more than six consecutive years nor for more than six years in any consecutive nine years."

In the Chile Annual Conference, January 5-10, 1965, Bishop Zottele was requested to give an interpretation of this legislation. A letter from Bishop Zottele, dated October 8, 1965, states essentially the same facts which appear in the secretary's letter. He also presents his ruling in the case as follows:

"This legislation of the Central Conference cannot be applied retroactively. The contents of the paragraph inserted as a continuation of paragraph 432.3, do not read that way. If the intention was to have the legislation operate retroactively, that intention should have been expressly established in the wording of the paragraph. In legislation, what is not concretely stipulated, cannot be forced into. The "retroactive" intention having not been written in the legislation means simply that the Central Conference was legislating from that point and date on."

At a later meeting of the same Annual Conference session, a member of the conference moved that the conference appeal from the ruling of the bishop to the Judicial Council. The bishop states that this "motion was approved by more than one fifth of the members present and voting."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this matter under Par. 908 of the *Discipline*.

Analysis

The first clause in Par. 432.3 clearly states a duty of all bishops presiding over the Annual Conferences; the second is limited to those presiding over Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States. The Latin America Central Conference elected to have this same tenure limitation on district superintendents applied in that Central Conference. It would appear that the only point at issue is whether a bishop has a right to continue in the office of district superintendent a person whose total tenure would amount to more than six years if some of those years had been served immediately prior to the legislation of July 1964. Under the interpretation of the bishop it would be possible for a person who had occupied the office of district superintendent for a period prior to 1964 to continue in that office for an additional six years.

Under the law of The Methodist Church, ministers in the effective relation are appointed for one year at a time. This applies to district superintendents as well as other ministers.

In the absence of any statement in the legislation to indicate when the restriction is to take effect, it must be assumed that it applied to all persons who were currently in the office. The first clause in the resolution adopted by the Central Conference strongly supports this interpretation. The assumption of the bishop that the legislation should have stated that it was applicable to all persons currently in office, if this was the intent, is not well founded.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church, when it has sought to exclude years of prior service in comparable situations, has so specified. Illustrative of this is Par. 526.3 which reads in part:

"... no bishop shall be recommended for assignment to the same residence for more than twelve consecutive years, not counting years before 1960."

Similarly the General Conference of 1964 adopted a revised retirement rule for bishops (Par. 436.1) concluding the new legislation with the words, "This shall become effective with the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1968. Prior to said effective date the provisions of Par. 436.1 of the 1960 *Discipline* shall

apply." The last two sentences of the legislation were included by the General Conference to indicate clearly that this legislation would not become effective immediately. However, it is clear that the legislation when it does become effective in 1968 will be operative for all bishops regardless of the year of their election, whether prior to 1964 or after.

Therefore, since the legislation of the Latin America Central Conference made no specific provision to exempt prior service of ministers as district superintendents from the application of the rule which it has established, it must be presumed that the intent of the legislative body was to have it applied with uniformity so that a bishop may not appoint any minister as a district superintendent for more than six consecutive years nor for more than six years in any consecutive nine years, including years prior to the enactment of the legislation.

Decision

The appeal of the Chile Annual Conference from the ruling of Bishop Zottele is sustained, and the ruling of the Bishop is reversed.

October 20, 1965

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In Re: Request of Florida Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to the Legality of a Ruling Passed by that Annual Conference Fixing a Maximum Limit Which its Local Churches May Allow as Travel and Expense Funds

DIGEST OF DECISION

Paragraph 829 of the *Discipline*, not being of doubtful meaning, cannot be made the basis for a declaratory decision nor may the Judicial Council treat the petition of the Florida Annual Conference as an appeal because the acts of an Annual Conference cannot be reviewed upon a direct petition of the Annual Conference itself. Petitions for such review must be brought in the manner prescribed by the *Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Journal of the Florida Annual Conference records the action of that conference (Page 100, 1959 Journal) by which it "voted to set as a maximum the sum of \$600 as a fair limit for the pastor's travel and expense fund."

Acting upon a petition of the Quarterly Conference of St. Luke's Methodist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, the Florida Annual Conference in its regular session on June 11, 1965, voted to request from the Judicial Council a declaratory decision as outlined in the said

petition of the Quarterly Conference of St. Luke's Methodist Church. The petition is as follows:

"The Fourth Quarterly Conference of St. Luke's Church, St. Petersburg District, respectfully petitions the Florida Annual Conference under P914 S 8 of the 1964 *Discipline* to request a Declaratory Decision because of varied interpretation of P829 concerning "all travel, automobile, and other expenses" for the purpose of determining:

1. Whether a Cabinet may legally or administratively fix a limit which a local church may report and pay as its allocation to the pastor for actual car expenses for church work when that fixed limit is less than the actual recorded expenses for church travel.
2. Whether an Annual Conference may legally fix a limit for car expenses for church work which is less than the pastor's actual recorded expenses as reported on his Income Tax.
3. Whether depreciation for his car, as reported on his Income Tax Return, and used exclusively for church work, may validly be included within the meaning and intent of the term, "actual car expenses."
4. Whether a pastor under P829 may report and accept for actual car expenses the same amount that he reports on his Income Tax Return.
5. Whether the word "allowed" in P829 bestows upon a Cabinet or an Annual Conference power to fix a limit less than actual expenses incurred."

These actions of the Florida Annual Conference are duly certified by Robert C. Boggs, Secretary of the conference.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council does not have jurisdiction in this case for the reasons cited in the analysis below.

Analysis

It is established by the record that the Florida Annual Conference in its 1959 session "voted to set as a maximum the sum of \$600 as a fair limit for the pastor's travel and expense fund." Upon the passing of a resolution by one of the churches of the Annual Conference questioning the authority of the conference in the application of this rule, the Annual Conference agreed to ask the Judicial Council to decide five issues raised in the resolution bearing upon the legality of the Annual Conference ruling and its application in various situations. The petition itself states that it is filed under the provisions of Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline*.

That paragraph authorizes the Judicial Council to render a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision on proper petition from an Annual Conference "when the General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be unconstitutional or subject to more than one interpretation or when any paragraph or paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning or application."

When such conditions exist, the Judicial Council may make "a declaratory decision as to the constitutionality, meaning, application and effect of such paragraph or paragraphs of the *Discipline*." Reference is made in the petition of the Annual Conference to Paragraph 829 of the *Discipline*. This paragraph is concerned solely with the method of reporting pastors' expenses and does not appear to be "of doubtful meaning or application," nor does it appear to have relevance to the question at issue.

There is nothing in Paragraph 914 or elsewhere in the *Discipline* which grants to the Judicial Council the jurisdiction to render a decision as to the constitutionality, meaning, application and effect of an act or ruling passed by an Annual Conference upon petition of the conference itself.

Judicial Council Decision 184 states in a similar case: "There is no provision in the law of the Church which authorizes the Judicial Council to hear and determine a question of law or the legality of an act, legislation or a rule of an Annual Conference upon direct application of that conference without first obtaining a ruling from a bishop made during a regular business session of the conference."

In that decision, the Judicial Council held that the request of an Annual Conference concerning the legality of a rule adopted by that conference "does not confer jurisdiction upon the Judicial Council to render a declaratory decision and that the only means by which the question submitted can be brought to the Judicial Council is upon an appeal from the Bishop's ruling therein made by one-fifth of the conference present and voting and/or upon submission to the Judicial Council by the bishop of his decision as to the legality thereof made during a regular business session of the conference."

The Judicial Council reaffirms this position.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that Paragraph 829 of the *Discipline*, not being of doubtful meaning, cannot be made the basis for a declaratory decision nor may the Judicial Council treat the petition of the Florida Annual Conference as an appeal because the acts of an Annual Conference cannot be reviewed upon a direct petition of the Annual Conference itself. Petitions for such review must be brought in the manner prescribed by the *Discipline*.

October 22, 1965.

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop James K. Mathews Concerning the Right of Local Churches to Determine Who May Attend Their Services of Worship

DIGEST OF DECISION

The rulings of Bishop Mathews, that the questions put to him concerning the right of local churches to determine who may attend their services of worship are moot in view of Judicial Council Decision No. 225, are affirmed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the New England Southern Annual Conference held at Norton, Massachusetts, June 16-20, 1965, DeWitt Clemens, a member of the Conference, presented two questions to the presiding Bishop, James K. Mathews, for his ruling. These questions were:

- "(1) On October 20, 1963, Mr. John B. Garner, Rev. Joseph Buckles, Rev. Elmer Dickson, and Miss Joyce Ladner, an interracial group, were denied permission by ushers and members of the Official Board of Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, to attend a Sunday school class because the said church had an operative policy of excluding Negro and interracial groups from participating in its activities. Was this denial legal under Paragraphs 8.26, 45 (IX), 87, 94, 102, 103, 105, 107, 108, 110, 165, 174, 215.5, 215.6, 222.8, and others of the 1960 *Discipline* which was in effect at that time?
- (2) If a question of Methodist Law is moot in the sense that under a previous *Discipline* the answer to the question is unclear but under the present *Discipline* it is clear, and if the answer to the question under the previous *Discipline* is relevant to the prosecution of a member or members of The Methodist Church in civil court, and if it is clear that the civil court will base their decision on The Methodist Church's answer to this question; then is a Bishop required to rule to clarify the ambiguity under the previous *Discipline* when asked to do so under the procedure outlined in paragraph 40 of the 1964 *Discipline*? In particular, from the point of view of mootness does Bishop Mathews have to answer the legality of the denial of permission to attend Sunday school to the interracial group at Galloway Memorial Methodist Church on October 20, 1963?"

The propounder of these questions stated that John B. Garner is an affiliate member of Mathewson Street Methodist Church, Providence, Rhode Island, of the New England Southern Annual Conference and that the questions were propounded under the procedure set forth in Paragraph 40 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Bishop Mathews ruled as follows on the questions put to him:

"Ruling on Question (1): This question, as a question of church law, must be regarded as moot or hypothetical. The circumstances, as reported, occurred in 1963 and in 1964 prior to the session of the 1964 General Conference; in other words, at a time when the 1960 *Discipline* was in force. This question is raised at a time when that *Discipline* is no longer in effect (cf. Par. 574, 1964 *Discipline*). From the standpoint of church law the right of all persons to worship in any local church has now been clearly established by The Methodist Church at the 1964 General Conference.

Judicial Council Decision No. 189 makes it clear that it will not render a declaratory decision on a moot or academic question. Decision No. 33 specifically applies this same principle to requests for rulings by a bishop at an Annual Conference session. Moreover, Decision No. 225 is addressed directly to the issue now under consideration and the question has already been declared moot by the Judicial Council. In view of these facts and the fact also that my ruling must be reviewed by the same Judicial Council, it is not possible to rule otherwise.

Ruling on Question (2): No, on the ground that this question is essentially the same as the previous one and must therefore also be declared moot. The civil law aspects of the problem obviously lie outside the competence of a Methodist bishop who is asked to rule on a question of law, which surely must mean church law (Para. 40)."

The questions propounded and the answers of the Bishop thereupon were duly forwarded by the Bishop to the Judicial Council for review in keeping with the provisions of Paragraph 40 of the *Discipline*.

The Judicial Council also received a brief from John B. Garner.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this matter under the provisions of Paragraph 40 of the *Discipline*.

Analysis

The questions submitted to Bishop Mathews and answered by him have been previously passed upon by the Judicial Council in Decision No. 225 handed down by the Judicial Council on April 23, 1965. Bishop Mathews correctly answered the questions put to him.

Decision

The rulings given by Bishop Mathews to the questions propounded to him and set forth above are hereby affirmed.

October 22, 1965.

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Re: Petitions of the Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the Committee of Five of the Central Jurisdiction, on Behalf of Their Respective Jurisdictions, for a Declaratory Decision on the Legislative Authority of the General Conference in the Matter of Racial Inclusiveness, and the Relationship of That Authority to the Authority of Jurisdictional Conferences Over Annual Conference Boundaries.

DIGEST OF DECISION

The General Conference has full legislative power concerning the racial inclusiveness of the church, this being a "distinctively connec-

tional matter." (Constitution, Article IV of Section I, Division One—*Discipline* § 8) Whether a legislative enactment pursuant to such power would conflict with the authority of Jurisdictional Conferences under the Constitution (Article V of Section IV, Division Two and Article IV of Section VIII, Division Two—*Discipline*, §§ 15.4 and 29) over number, names, and boundaries of Annual Conferences cannot be determined until such legislation is pending before, or has been adopted by, the General Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Following the publication of Judicial Council Memorandum Order 220, the Committee of Five of the Central Jurisdictional Conference presented a petition and brief under date of January 15, 1965. The question propounded reads as follows:

"May the General Conference enact appropriate legislation under the powers granted to it in Division Two, Section I, Article IV (Par. 8 of the 1964 *Discipline*), to insure the elimination of racially segregated Annual Conferences transferred from the Central Jurisdictional Conference into regional Jurisdictional Conferences pursuant to Division Two, Section VIII, Article V of the Constitution (Amendment IX)?"

Also following Memorandum Order 220, the Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference filed a petition and brief under date of March 12, 1965, propounding the following questions:

"1. Does the General Conference have the power under the Constitution of The Methodist Church to enact legislation changing or requiring the change of the boundaries of Annual Conferences which may transfer from the Central Jurisdiction into regional Jurisdictions pursuant to Division Two, Section VIII, Articles I and V (which include Amendment IX) of the Constitution of The Methodist Church?"

"2. Is the transfer of local churches (whether one or more or all of the churches within an Annual Conference) from one Annual Conference to another Annual Conference within which it is geographically located governed solely by Division Two, Section VIII, Article V (Amendment IX) of the Constitution or can this be accomplished or required by action of the General Conference?"

"3. Does the General Conference have the power to enact legislation under Division Two, Section I, Article IV (Par. 8 of the 1964 *Discipline*) or other provision of the Constitution requiring the elimination of racially segregated Annual Conferences transferred from the Central Jurisdictional Conference into regional Jurisdictional Conferences pursuant to Division Two, Section VIII, Article V of the Constitution (Amendment IX)?"

The Advisory Council also requested a ruling on the validity of the plan recommended by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to its Annual Conferences, under date of July 11, 1964, which plan is the subject of Decision No. 234.

Counsel for the Committee of Five and for the Advisory Council appeared before the Judicial Council on October 21, 1965, and presented oral arguments and briefs in support of their respective positions. We commend all counsel for an exceedingly well prepared and helpful presentation.

Jurisdiction

The petitions for declaratory decisions are properly before the Judicial Council under § 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*. Both

petitioners are recognized as "bodies" of their respective Jurisdictional Conferences charged with duties which directly relate to the questions raised.

Analysis

The issues propounded raise questions of interpretation under two constitutional provisions: 1) Article IV of Section I, Division Two (§ 8 of the *Discipline*), dealing with the powers of the General Conference, and 2) Amendment IX (§ 47 of the *Discipline*) concerned with the transfer of churches from one Annual Conference to another, and with the transfer of Annual Conferences from one jurisdiction to another.

Paragraph 8 provides in part:

"8. Art. IV—The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of said powers shall have authority as follows:

(14) To enact such other legislation as may be necessary, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the church."

It has been held in many decisions that the quoted language confers full legislative power over all matters "distinctively connectional," including, but not limited to, the subject matter enumerated in the succeeding paragraphs, but within the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the church (For example, Judicial Council Decisions Nos. 7, 83, 84, 137 and 215). In the words of Decision No. 7:

"It must be conceded that the General Conference is the supreme legislative body of The Methodist Church and has been specifically empowered to legislate on all matters distinctively connectional. The Constitution specifically enumerates many items over which the General Conference shall have such authority in legislating, so as to make all such matters uniform throughout the Church."

Whether a matter is "distinctively connectional" is a question of fact which can only be determined in the light of the facts and circumstances of each particular situation. We have no doubt that the creation of a racially inclusive church is now a matter "distinctively connectional." The issue has largely dominated the last three General Conferences; and evidences of the concern of the church with the achievement of this objective are found in Amendment IX and the Plan of Action recommended by the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, as amended and adopted by the 1964 General Conference (*Discipline* § 1813). Further enactments adopted by the 1964 General Conference in the same field are found in §§ 106.1; 156; 233.1; 322.5 (6); 432.1;

527; 634; 1105.2, footnote 5; 1195; 1351.5 and 1401.4 of the *Discipline* as well as the commissions created by predecessor General Conferences to deal with the same issue. The importance of interracial relationships in both national and world affairs further emphasizes the connectional concern of the church with this matter. The church cannot be effective under today's conditions if it sponsors or permits contradictory policies on race in different sections of the church. Racial inclusiveness is clearly a connectional matter and, consequently, an appropriate subject of General Conference legislation.

Any such legislation will necessarily be subject to the limitations and restrictions imposed by the Constitution of the Church. We should not attempt to anticipate the nature of this legislation or what specific limitations or restrictions of the Constitution may be applicable as limitations upon such legislation. Consequently, we must decline to attempt a further answer to the questions propounded to us until specific legislation is before the General Conference or has been adopted by it. To speculate upon the nature or scope of the legislation that the General Conference might consider appropriate to deal with a set of facts not yet known would be to pass upon purely hypothetical questions without the benefit of facts which might well be decisive of our answer. We have consistently followed the policy of making declaratory decisions only when the legislation and the circumstances surrounding it were known.

Decision

The subject of racial inclusiveness in The Methodist Church is a matter which is distinctively connectional, and therefore a subject within the legislative competence of a General Conference. However, this power must be exercised within the context and limitations of the various provisions of the Constitution. Paragraphs 15.4 and 29 of the *Discipline* relate to the right of a Jurisdictional Conference to determine Annual Conference boundaries, as well as their names and number. Amendment IX has established procedures by which churches may transfer from one Annual Conference to another, and by which Annual Conferences may transfer from one jurisdiction to another. The petitions now under consideration present no justifiable issue or conflict between §§ 15.4 or 29 and Amendment IX, although we conclude from the petitions before us that there is some apprehension such a conflict may arise. If in the future conflict arises between these or other portions of the Constitution, and legislation adopted by the General Conference

pursuant to § 8 of the *Discipline*, it will be appropriately reviewed and dealt with by the Judicial Council when such issue arises.

December 10, 1965

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Re: Request of the Central West Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction for a Declaratory Decision Concerning Its Right to Transfer and Jointly Merge With the Missouri East Annual Conference and the Missouri West Annual Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction.

DIGEST OF DECISION

In conjunction with its transfer from the Central Jurisdiction to the South Central Jurisdiction pursuant to the procedures specified in Section 2 of Amendment IX, the Central West Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction may merge with and into the Missouri East Annual Conference and the Missouri West Annual Conference, both of the South Central Jurisdiction, without the necessity of securing a ratifying vote of either the Central Jurisdictional Conference or the South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Central Jurisdictional Conference meeting in Daytona Beach, Florida, June 17-21, 1964, adopted a report from its "Committee of Five" which contained, inter alia, the following recommendations: "Recommendation 4A: That the Jurisdictional Conference hereby requests and strongly urges the Central West Annual Conference to convene in special session during 1964 and vote to transfer, as an annual conference, from the Central to the South Central Jurisdiction under Amendment IX of the Constitution of The Methodist Church; further, that said vote to transfer be effectuated by resolution, which shall incorporate the principles and considerations contained in the resolution to transfer the Lexington Annual Conference to the North Central Jurisdiction."

In response to the recommendation quoted above, the Central West Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction meeting on May 20, 1965, adopted by more than a two-thirds vote a resolution for the transfer and merger of the Central West Annual Conference incorporating an agreement between the three Annual Conferences involved, under which the transfer of the Central West Annual Conference to the South Central Jurisdiction and its merger with the Missouri East and Missouri West Annual Conferences would be effected. The petition represents that this same resolution was adopted by more than the necessary two-thirds vote by all the other Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and by all Annual Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction. Paragraph 3 of the resolution reads as follows:

"3. The Central West Annual Conference, the Missouri West Annual Conference and the Missouri East Annual Conference, by the

adoption of this resolution agree that the Central West Annual Conference, after it shall have been transferred to the South Central Jurisdiction, shall no longer continue to exist as a racially segregated conference; and the said Conferences further agree to proceed with the merger of the Central West, the Missouri West, and the Missouri East Annual Conferences pursuant to Section 4 of the aforementioned Amendment IX."

Other paragraphs of the agreement are ancillary to paragraph 3 and deal with the manner and effects of the proposed transfer and merger.

The following resolution was also adopted by the Central West Annual Conference:

"BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that the Central West Annual Conference hereby petitions the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, pursuant to Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*, for a declaratory decision with respect to the following question:

"May the Central West Annual Conference, after it shall have transferred from the Central Jurisdiction to the South Central Jurisdiction pursuant to Section 2 of Amendment IX, legally merge with the Missouri East Annual Conference and the Missouri West Annual Conference, under the authority of Section 4 of Amendment IX, to form racially inclusive conferences in the State of Missouri?"

No subsequent action was taken by either Jurisdictional Conference with respect to the proposed transfer and merger nor is it contemplated. No objection to the proposed merger or transfer has been raised by either Jurisdictional Conference. However, counsel for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, appearing before us in a related case, namely Decision No. 234, was afforded opportunity for oral argument herein and contended that the proposed transfer and merger cannot become effective without the prior approval of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference under its boundary determination authority.

Jurisdiction

This case raises conflicting interpretations and questions of application of Section 4 of Amendment IX which is found in Paragraph 47 of the *Discipline*. We hold that the Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline*.

Analysis

The petition of the Central West Annual Conference states the question as to whether that Annual Conference "may legally merge . . . under the authority of Section 4 of Amendment IX . . ." However, since Section 4 deals only with removal of constitutional limitations, it seems clear that it was the intention of the petition to present the question of authority to transfer and conjointly merge under Section 2 of Amendment IX as that section is affected by Section 4 of the Amendment. To understand the meaning and effect of Section 4, it is also necessary to consider Paragraphs 15(4) and 29 of the Constitution and our Decision No. 85.

Paragraph 15 of the *Discipline* reads in part as follows:

"Article V—The Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference:

"(4) To determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences. . . ."

Paragraph 29 of the *Discipline* reads as follows:

"Article IV—Changes in the number, names and boundaries of the Annual Conferences may be effected by the Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States and by the Central Conferences outside the United States of America, according to the provisions under the respective powers of the Jurisdictional and General Conferences."

Decision No. 85, decided prior to enactment of Amendment IX, held that transfer of a local church out of the Central Jurisdiction into an Annual Conference of a regional jurisdiction would effect a change of boundaries, viewed from a racial standpoint, therefore necessitating approval of both Jurisdictional Conferences involved. We stated that if a less complicated procedure were desired it would necessitate adoption of a constitutional amendment. Amendment IX was adopted in 1958 simplifying the procedure for transferring local churches and Annual Conferences out of the Central Jurisdiction.

Briefly stated, the procedure under Amendment IX is as follows: Section 1 prescribes the procedures for transferring a local church from an Annual Conference of one jurisdiction to another Annual Conference in which it is geographically situated. Section 2 prescribes procedures for transferring an Annual Conference from one jurisdiction to another. Aside from action required of the Quarterly and Church Conferences of an involved local church, transfers under both Sections require the votes of a two-thirds majority of both Annual Conferences involved in a Section 1 transfer and of all Annual Conferences of both jurisdictions involved in a Section 2 transfer. Amendment IX, while explicit in detailing the required voting procedure, makes no expressed requirement for action by Jurisdictional Conferences, as was required by superseded Paragraph 532 of the *Discipline* which related to the transfer of local churches.

Section 4 of the Amendment provides as follows:

"4. Transfers under the provisions of this article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to change of boundaries of conferences."

It is generally agreed that a transfer of the Central West

Annual Conference intact into the South Central Jurisdiction would not require ratifying action by either Jurisdictional Conference. This follows from our Decision No. 169, where we interpreted Section 4 of Amendment IX as overriding all other provisions of the Constitution granting boundary determination authority, thus eliminating any requirement of action by a Jurisdictional Conference.

But it has been contended by counsel for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference that since the transfer in question is integrally related to and conditioned upon effective merger of Central West Annual Conference into Missouri West Annual Conference and Missouri East Annual Conference the transaction is not a "transfer" under Section 2 of the Amendment and therefore Section 4 is not applicable.

This interpretation overlooks the possibility of a transfer in which merger is a contingent and integral part of the contract of transfer. The aforementioned interpretation we consider to be at variance with the language of Amendment IX, its legislative history and the broad objectives sought through its enactment. Therefore, we test the question in terms of these three considerations recognizing that the General Conference debate preceding the adoption of Amendment IX throws no clear light on the issue.

A restrictive interpretation of Section 2 which would invalidate the merger in the case before us would run counter to the fundamental objective of Amendment IX and frustrate rather than encourage the Annual Conferences in moving toward a racially inclusive church. The history of Amendment IX shows that it was adopted to overcome the existing complicated and dilatory procedures governing transfers out of the Central Jurisdiction including delays necessarily involved in the intervals between sessions of a Jurisdictional Conference. In adopting Amendment IX, the church apparently sought to eliminate any requirement of participation by the Jurisdictional Conferences as such in cases governed by Section 1 and Section 2 and to provide a simplified procedure whereby the Annual Conferences in the respective jurisdictions would be the key units in moving toward racial inclusiveness in the church. This is in recognition of the fact that the Annual Conferences are "the fundamental bodies in the church." (Paragraph 4.4 of the *Discipline*)

Admittedly, a transfer of a Central Jurisdiction Annual Conference to a regional jurisdiction can be a first and separable step under Amendment IX if so desired by those involved, leaving ultimate merger of a transferred Annual Conference with and into a regional Annual Conference to

await later action and mutual agreement. However, this is not the case before us.

The choice between these alternative methods is part of the voluntarism provided by Amendment IX.

To adopt a contrary interpretation of Section 2 would suggest that it might be the policy of The Methodist Church merely to terminate the Central Jurisdiction, as such, while distributing and maintaining intact its racially segregated Annual Conferences among the regional jurisdictions. We believe this was not the objective sought by Methodists in changing the Constitution of their Church. The objective was most recently expressed by the 1964 General Conference when it affirmed a policy "to achieve a racially inclusive fellowship at all levels of the Church's life." *Discipline* Par. 1813.5.

In light of the foregoing and the specific recommendation of the 1964 General Conference relating to the very merger in the case before us, it would be anomalous were we to rule that this merger is invalid under Amendment IX. In amending Recommendation No. 4 of Section III of the Plan of Action proposed by the Commission on Inter-jurisdictional Relations, the General Conference adopted the following statement:

"It is the hope and expectation . . . that early in the 1964-68 Quadrennium, the *following mergers* will be accomplished. . . .

"3. The Central West and the South West Annual Conferences will become a part of the South Central Jurisdiction *and merge* with the Annual Conferences of that Jurisdiction." (emphasis supplied)

Nothing contained in our Decision No. 217 is contrary to the views we express herein. In that proceeding, we were not asked to deal with a transfer of an Annual Conference under Amendment IX nor to consider the insulating effects of Section 4 thereof.

We do not consider here the authority of any future session of the General Conference to enact legislation implementing or regulating mergers of Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences with regional Annual Conferences, whether in two-step transactions or otherwise; nor do we consider the application of Section 4 of Amendment IX to a merger of Annual Conferences which is not conjoint with and integrally related to a transfer under Section 2. We have not been asked to pass upon the details of the specific aspects of the agreement of transfer and merger involving the Central West Annual Conference. We decide only that when the Colleges of Bishops of the two jurisdictions involved

certify that the votes required by Section 2 of Amendment IX have been cast for approval of the proposed agreement of transfer and merger, such agreement will forthwith become effective without further action on the part of either the South Central Jurisdictional Conference or the Central Jurisdictional Conference.

Decision

The Central West Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction may be transferred to the South Central Jurisdiction and conjointly merged with the Missouri East Annual Conference and Missouri West Annual Conference, provided that the procedure is mutually agreed upon and ratified by two-thirds or more of the total Annual Conference members present and voting in the Annual Conferences of each of the two jurisdictions, and provided further that the College of Bishops of the two jurisdictions certify to that effect. In that event, no vote of approval is required from the Jurisdictional Conference of either jurisdiction.

December 11, 1965

Concurring Opinion

While in complete accord with the majority opinion, we regret that it does not deal more fully with the problem of construction, demonstrating why a proper interpretation of the language of Section 2 of Amendment IX supports the Decision. The words "transfer" and "merger" have been used freely, not rigidly, as hereinafter shown. Thus, the area of application of Section 2 is not as limited as the minority contend.

Significantly the wording of the key sentences of Section 1 and Section 2 of Amendment IX is essentially the same. Section 1 commences "A local church *may be transferred* from one Annual Conference to another in which it is geographically located. . ." Similarly, Section 2, which is the provision here under consideration, commences: "An Annual Conference *may be transferred* from one jurisdiction to another. . ." (emphasis supplied). Clearly, these are the "transfers under the provisions of this Article" to which Section 4 makes reference and which it insulates from the boundary determination authority of jurisdictional conferences under Paragraph 15(4) and Paragraph 29 of the Constitution. A "transfer" under Section 1 of a local church from the Central Jurisdiction to a regional Annual Conference necessarily involves the element of joinder and amalgamation. Every local church of the Central Jurisdiction transferred to a regional Annual Conference becomes an integral

and racially undifferentiated part of that Annual Conference. Such being the operative effect of Section 1, it follows that in the absence of a clear indication to the contrary, Section 2 must likewise be interpreted to permit transfer of an Annual Conference from the Central Jurisdiction in conjunction with its merger, consolidation or amalgamation with or into an Annual Conference of a regional jurisdiction. This accords with a well established rule in construing constitutions and statutes. In 16 Am Jur. 2d, Section 79, it is said:

"When a word or phrase is used in one part of a constitution in a plain and manifest sense, it is to receive the same interpretation when used in any other part unless it clearly appears from the context or otherwise that a different meaning should be applied to it."

We find no suggestion in Amendment IX or its history that a "transfer" under Section 2 is to be given a different or more restrictive interpretation than a "transfer" under Section 1.

There are other factors which support an interpretation of Section 2 as rendering permissible the merger here considered. In the polity of The Methodist Church, the word "merger" has rarely been used. It has been utilized legislatively in relation to the uniting of local churches (Paragraphs 185-187 and 189 of the *Discipline*) but so far as we can find not in relation to the joinder, merger or amalgamation of Annual Conferences, except in the limited aspect of pensions. A possible explanation of this lack of legislative usage of the word "merger" in relation to Annual Conferences is that such mergers must conform to applicable civil laws such as those relating to corporations and voluntary associations.

The words "transfer" and "merger" frequently have been used synonymously in pertinent interpretations and commentaries relating to Amendment IX, suggesting that they do not have a sharp, technical differentiation in the context in which we now consider them. For example, in the Report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations to the General Conference, dated January 3, 1964, it is stated, on page 27:

"The hope of the Commission is that by September 1, 1967 all Central Jurisdictional Annual Conferences will have been *merged by transfer* to the regional Jurisdictions pursuant to the procedures of Amendment IX." (emphasis supplied)

Similar illustrations of this interchangeable usage of "transfer" and "merger" are to be found in the Commission's same report on pages 8, 12, 22.

In the authoritative *History of American Methodism*, (1964), the authors make no distinction between the concept of transfer involved in Section 1 and that involved in Section 2. At page 511 (Vol. III), the Constitutional Amendment is described as follows:

"This amendment provided a method by which churches and Annual Conferences within the Central Jurisdiction might transfer to a regional annual conference or jurisdiction, if all the conferences involved approved."

For these reasons, we cannot accept the contrary view of the minority that the "transfers" referred to in Section 2 must be given a narrow and technical interpretation which would preclude transfers involving mergers or amalgamations of the character here in question.

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Dissenting Opinion

I respectfully dissent. As I read Section 2 of Amendment IX, it applies explicitly and solely to the "transfer" of an Annual Conference from one jurisdiction to another. If two or more Annual Conferences vote to merge, that represents an issue to which Amendment IX is not addressed. A merger of Annual Conferences requires approval of the Jurisdictional Conference in which the merging Annual Conferences are located (Constitution, paragraphs 15.4 and 29), this because it inevitably changes the number, names or boundaries of an Annual Conference.

The only factual difference that I can find between this case and Decision No. 234, simultaneously decided, is that in this case merger was agreed upon prior to transfer and is therefore assumed to have been made a condition of that transfer, but was not to be agreed upon prior to the proposed transfers in No. 234. Yet in this case it is ruled that the merger of Annual Conferences does not need the approval of the Jurisdictional Conference, while in No. 234 it does. I cannot see why or how the timing of the agreement to merge or making it a condition of a transfer affects the constitutional approval necessary to bring it about.

I do not question the propriety of tying into a single package an agreement to transfer an Annual Conference to another jurisdiction and an agreement to merge that Annual Conference with one or more Annual Conferences; but we can find nothing in Amendment IX which says that its requirements for approval of a "transfer" shall, in that circumstance, also become the requirements for approval of the concurrent merger. It seems to me that one could

argue with equal plausibility that the constitutional approval required for a merger supersedes the approvals of Amendment IX when the merger and transfer are tied together. Obviously neither displaces the other. One applies to a transfer, the other to a merger, and when both transfer and merger are attempted, contemporaneously or at unrelated intervals, the consents mandated by both constitutional provisions should be obtained.

The 1964 session of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference had before it The Plan of Action for the Elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, adopted by the 1964 General Conference, which recommended this precise merger. It could have given its consent to the merger at its 1964 session, in advance of the transfer of the Central West Annual Conference or of the approvals by the merging conferences. In short, any delay in effecting this merger would not be due to cumbersome constitutional procedures but to a failure of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference to recognize that its approval was required. But even if the constitutional procedures are cumbersome, they should have been met.

Recognizing the strong desire of the Church to move to a racially inclusive structure and fellowship, why do I dissent from a decision which clears the way for an immediate step in that direction? Simply because that goal is achieved by giving Amendment IX a scope which overrides its plain meaning. The Constitution of our Church has evolved out of its history and its distribution of authority represents the teaching of experience and the accommodation of differing backgrounds and judgments. If the Constitution is to be changed there is an available process of amendment, but it should not be revised by this Council simply to expedite solution of one phase of a current problem, no matter how important the problem or how insistent the urging. With deference to my brethren of the majority, I feel that their decision reflects this error.

LEON E. HICKMAN

Dissenting Opinion

We dissent from the decision of the majority in this case, and because of the importance of the constitutional question raised, we are constrained to set forth in detail the grounds for our dissent.

In the first place, it should be pointed out that this is an *ex parte* proceeding. The matter comes before us on petition of the Central West Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church. The petitioner is represented by Mr. W. Astor Kirk. None of the other con-

ferences referred to in the Statement of Facts contained in the majority opinion has appeared by counsel or otherwise, excepting that the members of the Council are in receipt of copies of a communication addressed to Mr. Kirk by Bishop Eugene M. Frank in which it is stated, *inter alia* :

"Hastily I call your attention to the fact that the Resolution from the Central West Conference which you offer as Exhibit A, page 10 and 11 of the document is NOT the resolution adopted by the annual conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction nor was it the Resolution adopted by the Central West Annual Conference."

We feel it appropriate to point out that in this case we have not been called on to pass upon the legality of the proposed transfer of the Central West Annual Conference from the Central Jurisdiction to the South Central Jurisdiction.

The case is before us as the result of a resolution adopted by the Central West Annual Conference on the 20th day of May, 1965, the pertinent portion of which reads as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that the Central West Annual Conference hereby petitions the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, pursuant to Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*, for a declaratory decision with respect to the following question:

'May the Central West Annual Conference, after it shall have transferred from the Central Jurisdiction to the South Central Jurisdiction pursuant to Section 2 of Amendment IX, legally merge with the Missouri East Annual Conference and the Missouri West Annual Conference, under the authority of Section 4 of Amendment IX, to form racially inclusive conferences in the State of Missouri?'"

In petitioner's brief the Statement of the Nature of the Case is set forth in the following words:

"This case presents for judicial decision the following fundamental question: Where an Annual Conference transfers from the Central Jurisdiction pursuant to Section 2 of Amendment IX, may it legally merge with one or more Annual Conferences of the regional jurisdiction involved, *with the sole objective of implementing the policy of The Methodist Church to eliminate structures of racial segregation at all levels of church life*? Specifically, may authority for such a merger under the particular circumstances just stipulated be derived from Section 4 of Amendment IX?"

Petitioner's brief under Statement of the Facts states that Paragraph 3 of the transfer resolution stipulates as follows:

"The Central West Annual Conference, the Missouri West Annual Conference and the Missouri East Annual

Conference, by the adoption of this resolution agree that the Central West Annual Conference, after it shall have been transferred to the South Central Jurisdiction, shall no longer continue to exist as a racially segregated conference; and the said conferences further agree to proceed with the merger of the Central West, the Missouri West, and the Missouri East Annual Conferences pursuant to Section 4 of the aforementioned Amendment IX."

In the brief presented on behalf of petitioner, the petitioner contends:

"*First*, the Central West, Missouri West, and Missouri East Annual Conferences may legally merge according to the provisions of the transfer agreement between Annual Conferences of the Central and South Central Jurisdictions, which agreement was made pursuant to Section 2 of Amendment IX of the Constitution.

"*Second*, legal authority for said merger exists under Section 4 of Amendment IX, notwithstanding the provisions of Par. 29 of the 1964 *Discipline*."

Since we are called upon in this case to construe certain portions of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, we deem it appropriate at the outset to set down some landmarks which have long been established by the courts in the field of constitutional construction and which have weighed heavily in our conclusion:

1. It is the duty of the courts to construe the Constitution, not to make or amend it. The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church is a judicial body, not a legislative, policy determining or constitution adopting body. As was said on May 1, 1952, in our Decision No. 85: "It is not the province of the Judicial Council to effect by judicial interpretation changes in the procedure set out in the Constitution." It is our task to declare the law, not to make it.

2. When the language of the Constitution is positive and unambiguous, we must accept it as it is, for it is the mandate of the highest power in our Church, the people, as their will is made known through their representatives to the Annual Conferences, which Conferences must approve any proposed amendment or modification of the Constitution. If the words in the Constitution convey a definite meaning, then that meaning, apparent on the face of the document, must be accepted, and we have no right to add to or take from it.

3. The principle of *stare decisis* (to stand by decided cases) is a sound and universally recognized principle in judicial bodies. It is one of the foundations of the administration of justice.

4. If those who adopted and amended the Constitution had intended to do or accomplish something other than that which they did, they could easily have done so by plainly stating it in the Constitution or in an amendment thereto. We must take the Constitution as we find it—not as it might have been.

With these landmarks to guide us, we proceed to answer the question which has been propounded to us by the Central West Annual Conference. Based upon the record before us, the facts in this case and the specific contentions of the petitioner, we believe that the question presented comes to this narrow scope: When an Annual Conference has transferred from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction under the procedure provided by Section 2 of Amendment IX, may such Conference be “merged” with one or more of the Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction into which the transferring Conference has transferred under the authority of Section 4 of Amendment IX without obtaining the approval of the Jurisdictional Conference into whose jurisdiction such Annual Conference has transferred?

We are convinced that the answer to this question is “no.”

A careful study of the legislative history of the adoption of Amendment IX of the Constitution, ratified in 1958, and the “Plan of Action” adopted by the General Conference in 1964 indicates that two distinct steps are involved in bringing about a racially inclusive fellowship on the Annual Conference level. One of these is the *transfer* of Annual Conferences from the Central Jurisdiction to the geographical jurisdictions preferably in which they are located. The other is the *merger* of these Annual Conferences with the Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction to which they have been transferred, after the transfer has been consummated.

Amendment IX was adopted to expedite the *transfer* of Annual Conferences from one jurisdiction to another and the *transfer* of local churches from one Annual Conference to another in which they are geographically located. Since the case before us deals with Annual Conferences, we shall confine our discussion to them.

The procedures outlined in Amendment IX with respect to Annual Conferences have to do solely with their transfer from one jurisdiction to another and do not relate to their mergers with other Annual Conferences once their transfer to another jurisdiction has been consummated. The merging of Annual Conferences within a jurisdiction inevitably affects the number, names and boundaries of the Annual Conferences within that jurisdiction.

Division Two, Section VIII, Article IV of the Constitution

(Paragraph 29 of the *Discipline*) referring to conference boundaries reads as follows:

"29. Art. IV.—Changes in the number, names, and boundaries of the Annual Conferences may be effected by the Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States of America and by the Central Conferences outside the United States of America, according to the provisions under the respective powers of the Jurisdictional and the Central Conferences."

Division Two, Section IV, Article V, Paragraph 4 of the Constitution (Paragraph 15.4 of the *Discipline*) in setting out certain of the powers of the Jurisdictional Conference reads as follows:

"15.4. To determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences; provided that there shall be no Annual Conference with a membership of fewer than fifty ministers in full connection, except by the consent of the General Conference."

These paragraphs of the Constitution clearly reserve to the Jurisdictional Conferences the authority to change the number, names and boundaries of Annual Conferences within the jurisdiction. In Decision Nos. 28 and 85, the Judicial Council has upheld this constitutional power of the Jurisdictional Conference. The petitioners, however, cite Section 4 of Amendment IX as the authority for the merger of the Central West Annual Conference with the Missouri East and the Missouri West Annual Conferences upon the adoption of a resolution by the Annual Conferences involved.

Section 4 of Amendment IX reads as follows:

"4. Transfers under the provisions of this article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to change of boundaries of conferences."

The crux of the question before us, therefore, is the interpretation of the meaning and application of Section 4 of Amendment IX and its relation to Paragraphs 29 and 15.4 quoted above.

It is to be noted that the subject of Section 4 is the word "*transfers*" as indeed it is of the entire article. It clearly states that, "Transfers under the provisions of this article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to change of boundaries of conferences." Its purpose is to simplify the procedure necessary for the transfer of an Annual Conference from one jurisdiction to another requiring only a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference desiring the transfer, of the other Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction from which the

transfer is to be made and of all the Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction to which it is to be made.

However, any such transfer changes the boundary lines of one or both of the jurisdictions involved in the transfer. Paragraph 28 of the *Discipline* (which is Division Two, Section VIII, Article III of the Constitution) provides:

“28. Art. III.—Changes in the number, names and boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences may be effected by the General Conference upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each of the Jurisdictional Conferences involved.”

Paragraph 8.12 of the Constitution provides that among the powers granted to the General Conference by the Constitution is:

“8.12. To change the number and boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdictional Conference involved.”

But the General Conference meets regularly only once in every four years. In order to make it possible for transfers of Annual Conferences from one jurisdiction to another to be made more quickly and thus hasten the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, Section 4 was included in Amendment IX, specifying that transfers under this article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions in the Constitution relating to change of boundaries. Obviously, in the case of transfer of Annual Conferences, the reference to “other provisions of the Constitution relating to change of boundaries of conferences” relates to power given to the General Conference in Paragraph 8.12 to change the boundary lines of jurisdictions.

It is contended by the petitioners that the resolution for the TRANSFER AND MERGER OF THE CENTRAL WEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE incorporated the principles and considerations contained in the resolution to transfer the Lexington Annual Conference to the North Central Jurisdiction and the Delaware and Washington Conferences to the Northeastern Jurisdiction and merge them with Annual Conferences in the jurisdictions to which they had been transferred. Attention is called to the fact that in the resolution by which the Lexington Conference was transferred to the North Central Jurisdiction and merged with conferences of that jurisdiction, the following is included:

“6—The Jurisdictional Conference of the North Central Jurisdiction, by the adoption of this plan, determines the boundaries of its Annual Conferences in such manner as to include each local church of the Lexington Annual

Conference in the other Annual Conferences of the North Central Jurisdiction in which that church is geographically located; thereafter, the Lexington Annual Conference shall no longer be continued as a separate entity of the North Central Jurisdiction."

(Journal of the Seventh Session of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church, Par. 6, page 82)

Likewise, the following paragraph is included in the resolution adopted by the Northeastern Jurisdiction relating to the merger of the Washington and Delaware Annual Conferences with Conferences of that Jurisdiction:

"RESOLVED, that the Delaware and Washington Conferences be merged with the present Annual Conferences of the Northeastern Jurisdiction on the following basis:

"1. That the boundaries of each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction shall be so determined as to include all local churches located within its geographical territory."

(Journal of the Seventh Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church, preamble and Par. 1, page 177)

Thus, it has been recognized in both cases in which transfers and subsequent mergers of Annual Conferences have taken place that affirmative action by the Jurisdictional Conference has been necessary. To date no action has been taken by the South Central Jurisdiction authorizing the merger of the three conferences involved; and, therefore, the three conferences may not merge until such specific action is taken by the South Central Jurisdiction.

We believe that petitioner's case stands or falls on whether or not there may be read into Section 4 of Amendment IX to the Constitution a meaning or implication that Annual Conferences may be merged at the time of transfer from one jurisdiction to another. Neither the Constitution nor the legislative enactments of the General Conference makes specific reference to the merger of Annual Conferences, and we believe that there are sound reasons why this is so. The Annual Conferences are the basic bodies of The Methodist Church. Division Two, Section IV of the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Paragraph 4.4 of the *Discipline*) provides: "There shall be Annual Conferences as the fundamental bodies in the church, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth." When an Annual Conference transfers from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction under authority of Section 2 of Amendment IX, it immediately becomes a constituent member of the jurisdiction to which it transfers. It retains its entity as an Annual Conference. It continues as a separate unit of The Methodist

Church, having its own organizations, including commissions, committees, and boards, and continues to hold its assets and to be responsible for its liabilities. In brief, when an Annual Conference transfers from one jurisdiction to another, it takes with it all of its bag and baggage. Division Two, Section VIII, Article IV of the Constitution (Paragraph 29 of the *Discipline*) delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference the right to make the changes in the number, names and boundaries of the Annual Conferences. This is a specific delegation of authority. We find nothing in Amendment IX of the Constitution in conflict with Paragraph 29 of the *Discipline*, and Section 4 of Amendment IX which is relied upon by petitioner specifically refers to transfers under the provisions of Amendment IX. The words used therein are clear, explicit, and unambiguous. When it says "*Transfers under the provisions of this article . . .*," we believe it means "transfers," not "mergers," and we believe it means "*transfers under the provisions of this article.*" As was said by the court in case of *Cooke v. Iverson*, (108 Minn. 388, 122 N.W. 251, 52 L.R.A. (new series) 415): "When the language of the Constitution is positive and free from all ambiguity, courts are not at liberty, by a resort to the refinement of legal learning to restrict its obvious meaning to avoid the hardship of a particular case. We must accept the Constitution as it reads when its language is unambiguous, for it is the mandate of the sovereign power."

In the case of *Utah Builders Supply Co. v. Gardner*, 86 Utah 250 39 P. 2d 327, 103 A.L.R. 928, the Supreme Court of Utah stated the rule positively and pointedly when it said: "We must give effect to our constitutional and statutory provisions according to their language and obvious intent."

The Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Lake County v. Rollins* (130 U.S. 662, 32 L.Ed. 1060) states the rule in the following words: "We are unable to adopt the constructive interpolation ingeniously offered by counsel for the defendant in error. Why not assume that the framers of the Constitution and the people who voted it into existence meant exactly what it says? At the first glance, its reading produces no impression of doubt as to the meaning. It seems all sufficiently plain; and in such case there is a well settled rule which we must observe. The object of construction, applied to a constitution, is to give effect to the intent of the framers, and of the people in adopting it. This intent is to be found in the instrument itself; and when the text of a constitutional provision is not ambiguous the courts, in giving construction thereto, are not at liberty to search for its meaning beyond the instrument. . . ."

"If," the Supreme Court continues, "the words convey a definite meaning, which involves no absurdity or any contradiction of other parts of the instrument, then that meaning, apparent on the face of the instrument, must be accepted, and neither the courts nor the Legislature have the right to add to it or take from it."

Many years ago Justice Bronson, in the case of *People v. Purdy* (2 Hill, 35), in commenting on the danger of departing from the import and meaning of the language used to express the intent, and hunting after probable meanings embraced in that language, said: "In this way the Constitution is made to mean one thing by one man and something else by another, until in the end it is in danger of being rendered a mere dead letter, and that, too, when the language is so explicit that it is impossible to mean more than one thing, unless we lose sight of the instrument itself and roam at large in the fields of speculation." And again in the *Lake County* case referred to above, the United States Supreme Court said: "Words are the common sign that mankind make use of to declare their intention to one another; and when the words of a man express his meaning plainly, distinctively and perfectly, we have no occasion to have recourse to any other means of interpretation."

We cannot agree with the reasoning of the majority opinion in this case because we feel that to attain the conclusion reached therein it is necessary to read into Section 4 of Amendment IX something which is not there.

We are convinced that if a merger of Annual Conferences is desired, this is a second step which must be taken after the transfer has been accomplished even if carried out as a part of a single plan. Even though the merger is agreed to as a condition to the transfer, there are necessarily two steps, a transfer and a merger.

This requirement is not without merit, for as we pointed out in our Decision No. 217, the merging of two Annual Conferences may have far reaching consequences and a Jurisdictional Conference is in a much better position to weigh the overall consequences and equities of a merger than are the conferences involved. We would point out that the view of the minority in this case is supported by previous decisions of this Council, including Decision Nos. 28, 85 and 217, and we feel that the majority opinion cannot be reconciled with those previous decisions of this body.

Furthermore, we believe the legislative history of the adoption of Amendment IX to the Constitution of The Methodist Church supports the position we take. It is a matter of common knowledge in our Church that Amend-

ment IX was proposed, favorably acted upon by the General Conference and adopted by the required number of Annual Conferences on the ground that transfers of Annual Conferences out of the Central Jurisdiction into the regional jurisdictions were being unduly delayed because General Conference meets regularly only once every four years and that if Amendment IX were adopted, votes could be taken by the required Annual Conferences much more quickly since they meet every year. But we find nothing in the legislative history of this Amendment which would lead us to believe that Annual Conferences may be merged after such transfer has been accomplished without the action of the Jurisdictional Conference, or that the Annual Conferences involved can make ground rules for such transfers and mergers which are not in harmony with the clear and explicit wording of the Constitution itself.

Also, we believe that the actions taken and the course pursued by the appropriate bodies within the Church since the adoption of Amendment IX supports the position we take.

On the hearing of this case, the Council had before it an *amicus curiae* brief and a supplement thereto filed by Mr. Charles C. Parlin, who was Chairman of the Commission of 70 during the 1956-60 quadrennium and of the Commission of 36 during the 1960-64 quadrennium; and Mr. Parlin in his brief, speaking of the work of his Commissions, said:

"Our studies led us to a clear understanding that there were two separate and distinct problems: (1) the transfer of an Annual Conference from one Jurisdiction to another and (2) the realignment of Annual Conference boundaries within a Jurisdiction once a transfer has been effected. In the Commission of 36 we finally agreed to avoid confusion by adopting a terminology: To call the first step 'transfers' of Annual Conferences and the second step 'merger' of Annual Conferences. The 'Plan for the Elimination of the Central Jurisdiction' proposed by the Commission of 36 and adopted by the 1964 General Conference uses this terminology for the changing of Annual Conference boundaries."

We agree with the conclusion stated in Mr. Parlin's brief when he says: "Amendment IX deals only with *transfers* of Annual Conferences; not with the change in boundaries by their dissolution or merger once they are in the new jurisdiction. It seems clear to me that this second, independent step of boundary change by dissolution or merger within the Jurisdiction remains governed by the basic grant of authority to Jurisdictions by Paragraph 15, Division Two, Art. V, para. 4 as reinforced by the provisions of Paragraph 29 (Division Two, Sec. VIII, Art. IV).

"Again, the quoted section of the Constitution deals only with transfers—not with mergers. The blending or merger of two Annual Conferences, whether by formal 'statutory merger' or by the dissolution of one and the absorption by the other of all local churches within its borders is *not* a *transfer* of an Annual Conference."

We desire to point out that in our opinion the long recognized and well established principle of *stare decisis*—to stand by decided cases, to uphold precedents and to maintain former adjudications—is as necessary and proper in the law of the church as it is in the law of the land. We do not believe that our decisions should mean one thing today and something else tomorrow. Law by which men and churches are governed should be fixed, definite and known and should not be changed to accommodate the fluctuating sentiment of persons or groups. We would remind our brethren of the majority that we believe their opinion in this case is in conflict with previous decisions of this Council, specifically with Decision Nos. 28, 85, and 217. In the last numbered case, which was decided on October 30, 1964, by a unanimous vote of this Council, we said:

"Authority to determine number, names and boundaries of Annual Conferences in the United States is vested in the several Jurisdictional Conferences by Section IV, Article V, Paragraph 4 and Section VIII, Article IV of the Constitution of The Methodist Church. The provisions appear in Paragraphs 15 and 29 of the 1960 *Discipline*.

"The merger of two Annual Conferences may have far-reaching consequences affecting voting rights at General Conference sessions, episcopal supervision, salary and pension rights of ministers, the support of institutions and agencies of the Annual Conferences concerned and, quite possibly, the overall effectiveness of the Christian ministry in the Annual Conferences involved.

"A Jurisdictional Conference is in a much better position to weigh the overall consequences of a merger of two Annual Conferences than are these conferences themselves. It should be able to resolve conflicting interests of the two Annual Conferences.

"It is for these reasons, among others, that we determine that a Jurisdictional Conference may not delegate to its constituent Annual Conferences its authority to determine when, and under what conditions, two Annual Conferences may merge."

We think it appropriate also to call attention to the fact that we consider the majority opinion in this case to be in conflict with the decision of this Council handed down on

this very day in Decision No. 234 by an eight to one vote. In Decision No. 234 we have said:

"A 'merger' of such a transferring Annual Conference with another Annual Conference of the jurisdiction into which the transfer was made, is a second step that may be taken after the transfer has taken place. Even if carried out as part of a single plan, or even though the merger is agreed to as a condition to the transfer, there are necessarily two steps, a transfer and a merger."

We of the minority in this case believe that this Council, being a judicial body, should be consistent in its decisions.

For the reasons herein set forth, we are unable to agree with the majority opinion and therefore record our dissent.

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Re: Appeal of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for a ruling concerning a plan of action under Constitutional Amendment IX providing for transfer of Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction within the Geographical Bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction

Re: Petitions for Declaratory Judgments with respect to the above captioned matter filed by the Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and by the Committee of Five of the Central Jurisdiction

DIGEST OF OPINION

Amendment IX of the Constitution (*Discipline*, Paragraph 47) does not apply to the merger of two or more Annual Conferences, even though one of them has previously transferred into a regional Jurisdiction from the Central Jurisdiction under the terms of Amendment IX, if the transfer was not conditioned upon an agreement that a merger would follow. Otherwise, a merger of Annual Conferences necessarily involves a change in their number, names or boundaries and as a consequence requires the prior approval of the Jurisdictional Conferences of which such merging Annual Conferences are members (Constitution—*Discipline*, Paragraphs 15.4 and 29).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, on July 11, 1964, adopted a report of a Special Committee on Interjurisdictional Matters which included, inter alia, the following recommendation:

"We recommend that each annual conference approve the transfer of such Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction into the Southeastern Jurisdiction upon the condition that the merging of Annual Conferences within the jurisdiction will be a jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable to the conferences concerned, the boundaries of the transferring conferences to remain intact until they may be changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as provided in Constitution of The Methodist Church."

On the same day, a motion by John C. Satterfield of Mississippi was adopted by a vote of more than one-fifth of the members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, reading as follows:

"I move that an appeal be taken to the Judicial Council to determine the constitutionality of the action of the Jurisdictional Conference which has just been taken recommending the transfer of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction into the Southeastern Jurisdiction in accordance with the 'Plan of Action' therein set forth, and particularly the provision thereof that 'the boundaries of the transferring conferences to remain intact until they may be changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences as provided in the Constitution of The Methodist Church.'"

On October 30, 1964, we postponed consideration of this matter to afford an opportunity to representatives of the Central Jurisdiction to file briefs and participate in oral argument. In Memorandum Decision 220, we noted that petitioner's briefs had placed new interpretations upon the scope and purpose of the "plan of action" of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, the legal issues raised and the grounds of our jurisdiction. We noted that petitioner, by brief, had raised for the first time the question whether the General Conference possesses authority under the Constitution to determine, change or otherwise deal with boundaries of Annual Conferences, particularly those of the Central Jurisdiction which might be transferred to a regional Jurisdiction pursuant to Amendment IX. Seeking clarification of these matters, we invited appropriate petitions under Par. 914 of the *Discipline* directly raising any question of constitutionality thought to be involved in the appeal of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

In response to this invitation, the Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs of the Southeastern Jurisdiction petitioned for a declaratory decision on the above quoted recommendation of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. The Advisory Council and the Committee of Five of the Central Jurisdictional Conference also asked for advisory decisions on other, but related, questions which we have consolidated and this day decided in Decision No. 232.

Jurisdiction

We have jurisdiction to render a declaratory decision under Par. 914 of the *Discipline*, both the Committee of Five and the Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs being subordinate "bodies" of their respective Jurisdictional Conferences, charged by and on behalf of their Jurisdictional Conferences with responsibilities related directly to the plan of action recommended by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to its constituent Annual Conferences.

But we do not have jurisdiction under Par. 905 of the *Discipline* to determine the constitutionality of this plan of

action upon the direct appeal of one-fifth of the members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. This conclusion is predicated upon the fact that the plan of action of the Southeastern Jurisdiction is at most a recommendation by the Jurisdictional Conference to its Annual Conferences. Under Amendment IX, a Jurisdictional Conference has no role to play in the transfer of an Annual Conference from one Jurisdiction to another. The Annual Conferences of the Jurisdictions involved are the controlling parties, and any plan submitted to the Annual Conferences by a Jurisdictional Conference concerning the transfer of an Annual Conference is no more than advice or a recommendation. It may be good or bad advice, and action pursuant to it may or may not be constitutional. But, the act of giving advice is beyond successful constitutional challenge.

Analysis

Eight members of the Council agree that the plan of action recommended by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference is constitutional. It assumes that the transfer of Annual Conferences from the Central Jurisdiction to the Southeastern Jurisdiction would be made with the approval of the requisite number of Annual Conference members as mandated by Amendment IX. That is obviously correct.

The plan explicitly disavows any agreement as to whether or when any of these Annual Conferences shall merge with any of those now in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. This development is made contingent upon the later approval of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, pursuant to its authority over number, names and boundaries of its Annual Conferences conferred by Disciplinary Paragraphs 15.4 and 29 of the Constitution. This reservation is plainly within its constitutional power.

The plan of action before us is to be distinguished from the plan approved in the Missouri case, Decision 233. In that situation, the transfer of an Annual Conference from one jurisdiction to another was coupled with an agreement that merger would follow forthwith. A majority of this Council held that if and when a transfer so conditioned was approved by a vote of Annual Conference members as provided in Amendment IX, no further approvals were required. But in the instant case the Annual Conference transfers recommended by the plan were not coupled with an agreement to merge. Quite the reverse, the plan reserved this second step for later determination by the Jurisdictional Conference. Under these circumstances, Amendment IX controls the approvals required for a transfer and

Paragraphs 15.4 and 29 of the Constitution, the consent necessary for a merger.

A further elaboration of the varying views of the members of the Council concerning the scope of Amendment IX is found in the Missouri case. Nothing is to be gained by reiteration beyond notation that the argument and decision of the present case have not changed any of the views expressed in Decision 233.

The plan of action of the Southeastern Jurisdiction is not a proposal for transfer conditioned upon subsequent merger; and, hence, is based upon a correct analysis of the Constitution of the church and other Disciplinary provisions as they exist today. That does not mean, however, that the plan, if acted upon by an Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction, amounts to a compact or contract beyond the reach of appropriate General Conference legislation. In Decision 232, we have advised that the subject of racial inclusiveness is a matter "distinctively connective," and, therefore, within the legislative competence of the General Conference, subject to the constitutional qualification (*Discipline*, Paragraph 8.14) that such legislation be "subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the church."

Decision

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference has recommended that each of its Annual Conferences approve the transfer into the Southeastern Jurisdiction of such Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction as lie within the geographical bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, such transfers to be made upon the condition that the merging of Annual Conferences within that Jurisdiction would be worked out when such mergers were mutually agreeable to the Annual Conferences concerned, the boundaries of the transferring Annual Conferences to remain intact until changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference pursuant to its Constitutional power over the names, number and boundaries of its constituent Annual Conferences. The procedures embodied in this plan of action are mandated under existing church law; and the constitutionality of the plan is, therefore, sustained.

April 15, 1966

Concurring Opinion

A brief statement is necessary to explain why this concurring opinion is being substituted for that originally written in support of Decision No. 234, as adopted by the Judicial Council on December 11, 1965, and subsequently

released, together with several concurring and one dissenting opinions to all parties of record, their counsel, and other interested persons throughout the Church. At its session on April 16, 1966, the majority of the Council saw fit to reconsider the above mentioned decision, and made changes in the Analysis and Digest of the Opinion, to parts of which our original concurring opinion was directed, thus making it obsolete.

We hereby reaffirm our wholehearted concurrence with the decision arrived at, namely, that the action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference was constitutional. We respectfully dissent from that part of the argument which supports the constitutionality of the Plan of Action of the Southeastern jurisdiction on the ground that it does not include, "a proposal for transfer conditioned upon subsequent merger; *and, hence*, is based upon a correct analysis of the Constitution of the Church and other Disciplinary provisions as they exist today." (Emphasis supplied.) This is basically a restatement of the position of the majority in Decision No. 233 to which we dissented, and which dissent we hereby renew. We believe it is an unsound position for the following reasons:

1. Transfers and mergers are separate and distinct processes, basically because of the separate, distinct and different constitutional requirements for their consummation. (Amendment IX Sec. 2 and Paragraphs 15.4 and 29.)

2. The plain language of Amendment IX clearly refers to *transfers* and not to *mergers*.

3. Nowhere in the Constitution, or in the legislation enacted by the General Conference is there support for the position, held in Decision No. 233 and implied in Decision No. 234, that, if a transfer and merger are tied together, take place at the same time, and are authorized by resolutions passed by the Annual Conferences involved, does Section 4 of Amendment IX abrogate the Annual Conference boundary determining authority granted to the Jurisdictional Conferences by the Constitution in Paragraphs 15.4 and 29.

Respectfully,
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J. H. CHITWOOD
May 8, 1966

Dissenting Opinion

I disagree with and dissent from the reasoning and judgment of the majority opinion in this case.

On the question of jurisdiction, there appears to be no justification for accepting jurisdiction on the petitions for declaratory decision from the Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the Committee of Five of the Central Jurisdictional Conference under Paragraph 914 and declining or avoiding acceptance of jurisdiction of the appeal of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference under Paragraph 905.

"The Judicial Council shall determine the constitutionality of *any act* of a Jurisdictional or Central Conference upon . . . the appeal of one-fifth of the members of that Jurisdictional or Central Conference." (*Discipline* Paragraph 905, emphasis added)

I believe the Report of the Special Committee on Interjurisdictional Matters and adoption of its recommendations by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference was an "act" within the meaning and intent of Paragraph 905, and jurisdiction of the appeal to determine the constitutionality of its act should have been accepted and dealt with directly. The recommendations were clear; their adoption was intended to influence, if not control, the voluntary and arm's length negotiations between Annual Conferences to effect transfer and merger under Amendment IX (Constitution, Division Two, Article V, Section VIII) by the interposition and assumed supremacy and exercise of unilateral power of the Jurisdictional Conference under its authority "to determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences" (Paragraph 15.4). The purpose of this act has been clearly stated in the briefs of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and was to maintain intact the racial character of the boundaries of transferring Conferences until changed by voluntary unilateral action of the Jurisdictional Conference. This I consider at variance with and violative of Amendment IX.

I consider the Decision of the majority that the procedures embodied in the plan of action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference "are mandated under existing church law; and the constitutionality of the plan is, therefore, sustained" as in error in two particulars.

First, the majority has strayed from the discipline of judicial restraint and indulged in judicial legislation by granting to Jurisdictional Conferences the power to approve "mergers" after transfer of Annual Conferences under the authority to determine boundaries.

I believe the proper province for defining and determining merger of Annual Conferences is the General Conference under its legislative power over matters distinctively connectional (Paragraph 8). The General Conference has legislated only in a limited manner on the subject of

mergers, having provided for merger of local churches (*Discipline* Paragraphs 185-187). As to the merger of Annual Conferences, no specific legislation has been enacted, but the privilege of merger is, it appears, implied in Paragraphs 625 and 634.

Paragraph 625 provides: "Annual Conferences may become severally bodies corporate, wherever practicable, under the law of the countries, states, and territories within whose bounds they are located." Thus merger of corporate Annual Conferences within a state would be subject to the provisions of state law.

In such case the provisions of the *Discipline* Paragraph 634 would apply, i.e.:

"The Annual Conference may make rules to govern its own procedure; provided that no Annual Conference shall make any rule contrary to the Constitution or to the powers granted to it by the General Conference; and provided, further, that in the exercise of the powers granted by the General Conference each Annual Conference shall act in all respects in harmony with the policy of The Methodist Church with respect to elimination of discrimination on the basis of race."

The implied authority of Annual Conferences to effect mergers is recognized in Paragraph 1609.1: "Whenever two or more Annual Conferences . . . are to be merged, in whole or in part, there shall be elected by each conference affected a Distributing Committee of three members . . .," to allocate pension responsibility and to distribute equitably the permanent funds and other assets of the conference or conferences affected.

I find no express authority granted to Jurisdictional Conferences by Constitution or by legislation of the General Conference to participate in, initiate, or approve merger of Annual Conferences. To construe this power to be implied in the authority to determine boundaries of Annual Conferences is clearly judicial legislation which in all cases should be avoided. Even if by the most generous interpretation such authority is implied, the power to establish boundaries for merged conferences should be limited to geographical criteria, and be restricted in the same manner as Annual Conferences (Paragraph 634) namely, that Jurisdictional Conferences "shall act in all respects in harmony with the policy of The Methodist Church with respect to the elimination of discrimination on the basis of race."

It is recognized that in the historical development of a policy of a racially inclusive church within the guiding principle of voluntarism, the General Conference made no

definitive expression on the question of merger in adopting Amendment IX.

It was the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations in its Plan of Action for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, presented and adopted as amended by the 1964 General Conference, that first identified the separate steps of transfer and merger of Annual Conferences and the role of Jurisdictional Conferences and Annual Conferences. It is patently clear throughout Part IV of that Report, as amended and adopted, that the responsibility and authority for effecting mergers, as well as transfers under Amendment IX, were in the Annual Conference. Thus,

Recommendation 1—"That each Annual Conference designate a Committee or Commission to meet with the designated group from other Conferences involved to discuss and work out together the problems and adjustments involved in the transfer . . . into the regional Jurisdictions."

Recommendation 2—"That each of the committees of the newly aligned Annual Conferences and each of the Committees of the Annual Conferences with which they overlap meet and discuss ways and means of *merging Annual Conferences*, . . ." (emphasis added)

Recommendation 4—"That each Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction vote *to merge* with the Jurisdiction in which it is geographically located, *by transfer* as provided in Amendment IX." (emphasis added)

Recommendation 5—"That each Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction and Annual Conferences of the regional Jurisdictions, where transfers are in process of negotiation, meet as soon as possible after the Central Jurisdictional Conference has realigned the boundaries of its Annual Conferences to take such actions as will facilitate *transfers and mergers*." (emphasis added)

Throughout these recommendations is the explicit requirement of mutual bilateral negotiation and agreement by the Conferences involved to effect transfer and merger. This is fundamental in the law of merger. The Judicial Council has recognized that mutual agreement for transfer and merger can be negotiated and effected by Annual Conferences in Decision 233.

The role of Jurisdictional Conferences in this process (Plan of Action) of transfer and merger is to realign conference boundaries so as to facilitate, rather than delay or obstruct merger. At no place is it suggested that realignment be deferred after transfer until the unilateral voluntary action of a third party Jurisdictional Conference. To grant this latter power to a Jurisdictional Conference by

judicial decree is grievous error which may well require corrective legislation.

The second error of the majority decision is its failure to apply the well established rules of constitutional construction to the act of Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in relation to the Constitution as amended by Amendment IX.

It is clear that since 1956 The Methodist Church has been progressing toward the establishment of a racially inclusive church. Amendment IX was the constitutional first step and was adopted as a three part amendment by the 1956 General Conference and ratified by the requisite number of Annual Conferences in 1958.

Research and review of the text of Amendment IX as presented by the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences as Report No. 1 to the 1956 General Conference (1956 Journal of General Conference, pp. 460-461), reveals that the proposed amendment consisted of three parts. Two parts of the amendment were to provide for a new Article V of Division Two, Section VIII composed of Part (a) for transfer of local churches and Part (b) for transfer of Annual Conferences. (These are listed as sections 1 and 2 of Amendment IX in the 1964 *Discipline* (pp. 32-33). The third part of the proposed amendment was designated (c) to amend Article I, Division Two, Section VIII by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph of "Abolition of the Central Jurisdiction" (p. 34—1964 *Discipline*).

I believe it significant to point out that Section 3 of Amendment IX *as printed* in the *Discipline* was not part of the original text of the proposed amendment. This was adopted as an amendment by common consent in the following language (1956 Journal of General Conference, p. 474):

"The vote on approval of transfer, under either sub-paragraph (a) or (b), and the abolition of the Central Jurisdiction under sub-paragraph (c), shall be taken by each Annual Conference at its first session after the matter is submitted to it,' for insertion to immediately *precede* the last paragraph of Report No. 1, said last paragraph of the Report beginning with 'upon announcement by two Colleges of Bishops, etc.' " (emphasis added)

Likewise, sections 4 and 5 of Amendment IX *as printed* in the *Discipline* were not so numbered in the amendment text. Present section 4 was part of the section providing for transfer of Annual Conferences, and followed immediately and as a second sentence of the paragraph beginning, "Upon announcement by the two Colleges of Bishops of the required majorities the transfer shall be immediately effective."

Thus, I submit that by the exercise of editorial privilege in printing the *Discipline*, five separable sections have been created, which in fact were not in the original text of the Amendment IX and were not so adopted. This has resulted in the issue of interpreting the meaning of section 4 as separate from section 2.

The correct reading of Section 2 of Article V of Division Two, Section VIII, as amended (Amendment IX) should be as follows:

2. An Annual Conference may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another upon approval by:

a) The Annual Conference desiring transfer, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. The secretary of the conference shall certify the vote to the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction of which the conference has been a part.

b) The remainder of the jurisdiction from which transfer is to be made by a two-thirds majority of the total of Annual Conference members present and voting. The vote shall be taken in the other Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction and certified by their secretaries to the College of Bishops, which shall determine whether two-thirds of the total vote in the jurisdiction is favorable.

c) The jurisdiction to which transfer is to be made, by a two-thirds majority of the total of Annual Conference members present and voting. The vote shall be taken in the various Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction and certified by their secretaries to the College of Bishops, which shall determine whether two-thirds of the total vote in the jurisdiction is favorable.

The vote on approval of transfer under either Par. 1 or Par. 2 shall be taken by each Annual Conference at its first session after the matter is submitted to it.

Upon announcement by the two Colleges of Bishops of the required majorities the transfer shall immediately be effective. Transfers under the provisions of this article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to change of boundaries of conferences.

Whenever twenty-five per cent of the local-church membership of the Central Jurisdiction have been transferred by this process to another jurisdiction or jurisdictions, the bishop of the area from which the largest number have been transferred shall be transferred to the jurisdiction which has received the largest number by such transfer, and the representation of the Central Jurisdiction on the boards and agencies of the church shall thereafter be proportionately reduced.

In this situation, it is clear that current Section 4 must be construed as part of the provisions for transfer of Annual Conferences, and that such transfers as are concurred in by the Annual Conferences in the jurisdiction "shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to change of boundaries of conferences." I believe this was intended to provide for transfer of Annual Conferences and their merger without the interposition of Jurisdictional Conference power to determine boundaries of their Annual Conferences (*Discipline* Paragraph 15.4) or discretionary authority to change the number, names and boundaries of the Annual Conferences (Paragraph 29), if that power or authority is exercised to interfere with such transfers and/or mergers.

In any conflict in the application of separate parts of a constitution, after attempting to harmonize an amendment with antecedent provisions, the universal rule is that if there is a conflict between a general and special provision, the special provision must prevail in respect of its subject matter. The special provision is regarded as a limitation on the general grant. And if there is a real inconsistency between the amendment (Amendment IX) and the antecedent provisions (Paragraph 15.4 and 29), the amendment must prevail as the latest expression of will of the enacting body. (16 Am. Jur. 2d—Sec. 68 p. 246)

Therefore, it is my dissenting opinion that to the extent that the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference sought to exercise its power to determine boundaries of its Annual Conferences in a manner to control unilaterally and at its discretion the merger of Annual Conferences under Amendment IX, such act was unconstitutional.

THEODORE M. BERRY

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In Re: Request of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for a Declaratory Decision Concerning the Representation of the Methodist Church of Burma and the Methodist Church of Sumatra in the Adjourned Session of the General Conference to be held in 1966

DIGEST OF DECISION

The affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches of Burma and Sumatra are entitled to representation in the adjourned session of the General Conference to be held in 1966 in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 602.3 of the 1964 *Discipline*. The delegation

elected to represent the Burma and Sumatra Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church at the 1964 session of the General Conference is not entitled to be seated as representative of those former Annual Conferences.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under date of January 28, 1966 the President of the Judicial Council received a letter from the Secretary of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program which read in part as follows:

"The Commission on Entertainment and Program of the General Conference has instructed me as its secretary to respectfully request a decision from the Judicial Council on a matter which has arisen.

"Par. 602, Sec. 3 of the *Discipline* provides that each affiliated autonomous Methodist Church shall be entitled to representation in the General Conference of The Methodist Church by two delegates, etc.

"Decision No. 221 made by your good body under date of October 30, 1964 refers to delegates representing annual conferences which may have been eliminated by actions taken subsequent to the regular 1964 General Conference session.

"The Burma and Sumatra Annual Conferences were replaced as of October 10, 1965 by newly organized affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches.

"The question which needs to be answered is:

"Shall the delegates elected to represent the Burma and Sumatra Annual Conferences in 1964 be seated in 1966 as provided in Decision No. 221, or shall representatives of the newly organized affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches of Burma and Sumatra be seated under the provision of Par. 602, Sec. 3?"

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision on this matter under Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

The facts in this case and the precise questions to be answered are clearly set forth in the communication quoted above.

The Constitutional provisions in Paragraphs 24 and 25 of the 1964 *Discipline* describe the qualifications for ministerial and lay delegates, respectively, to the General Conference as well as the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences. It is to be noted that ministerial delegates must be in full connection with the Annual Conference electing them and lay delegates must be members of The Methodist Church within the Annual Conference electing them "*at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.*" (Emphasis supplied.) Although the circumstances were different, this basic principle was recognized in Decision No. 120 when the Judicial Council, holding that Fred B. Noble was eligible to serve as a delegate to the

Jurisdictional Conference following the General Conference at which he was retired from the Judicial Council, stated: "The time of his election as such a delegate is immaterial, his eligibility to serve as such delegate at the time the Jurisdictional Conference meets being the determining factor as to the validity of his election."

The Burma and Sumatra Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church were represented in the 1964 General Conference by both ministerial and lay delegates regularly elected by their respective Annual Conferences. Under the authority of the enabling act passed by that General Conference, the aforesaid Annual Conferences were organized as affiliate autonomous Methodist Churches as of October 10, 1965. Thereafter, there existed no Burma or Sumatra Annual Conferences and, therefore, they cannot be represented in the adjourned session of the General Conference in 1966 as Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church.

The question as phrased by the petitioner suggests petitioner's interpretation of our Decision No. 221 to mean that the delegates who represented the Burma and Sumatra Annual Conferences in 1964 may be entitled to be seated in the adjourned session as a matter of individual right. In that decision, we did not have before us, as we do in the instant case, a situation involving delegates to a General Conference who became disqualified under Articles IV and V of Division 2 of the Constitution (Paragraphs 24 and 25 of the *Discipline*). On October 10, 1965, when the Burma and Sumatra Annual Conferences ceased to exist, the persons who were the ministerial and lay delegates thereof to the 1964 General Conference became members of autonomous churches and thereupon ceased to be members of The Methodist Church. Therefore, they are no longer qualified under the Constitution to serve as delegates to the forthcoming adjourned session of the General Conference as representatives of the Burma and Sumatra Annual Conferences.

Paragraph 602.3 of the 1964 *Discipline* provides that each affiliated autonomous Methodist Church shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate to the General Conference who shall have all the rights and privileges of delegates, except the right to vote. The affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches of Burma and Sumatra will, therefore, be entitled to such representation as described in Paragraph 602.3 in the adjourned session of the General Conference in 1966.

The representation provided by Paragraph 602.3, however, is limited and the delegates therein provided for do

not have the status of constitutional General Conference delegates. The Constitution, as stated in Paragraph 5 of the 1964 *Discipline*, requires delegates to the General Conference to be elected by the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church. However, we interpret the references to "delegates" in Paragraph 602.3 of the *Discipline* to describe representatives of affiliated autonomous churches who attend sessions of the General Conference somewhat in the capacity of fraternal representatives but with special pecuniary and other privileges due to the affiliate nature of their churches.

In view of their limited status, we see no problem in the attendance of such "delegates" at the 1966 adjourned session notwithstanding the General Conference in question convened in 1964 prior to the organization of the Burma and Sumatra affiliate autonomous churches.

Decision

It is, therefore, the decision of the Judicial Council that the delegates elected to represent the Burma and Sumatra Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church in the 1964 session of the General Conference are not entitled to be seated in the adjourned session in 1966 as representatives of those former Annual Conferences. The affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches of Burma and Sumatra are entitled to be represented in the adjourned session in 1966, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 602.3 of the *Discipline*.

April 14, 1966

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In Re: Request of Council of Bishops for a Declaratory Decision as to the Application of Paragraphs 445 and 559.2 to the Status and Retirement Rights of Dionisio D. Alejandro, Former Bishop of the Philippines Central Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

Dionisio D. Alejandro, having been elected in 1960 to a four-year term as bishop in the Philippines Central Conference, completed that term of office at the close of the 1964 session of the Philippines Central Conference and returned as an elder to the Annual Conference of which he ceased to be a member when elected bishop. There is no provision by which he may be elected to continue in office as a retired bishop.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under date of May 31, 1965, Amado R. Castro, Chairman of the Board of Pensions of the Middle Philippines Annual Conference, wrote the President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church inquiring as to the appropriate retirement status of D. D. Alejandro who had served two four-year terms as a bishop in the Philippines Central Conference and who had retired at the conclusion of his second term.

The matter was referred by the Council of Bishops to its Committee on Law and Administration which brought in a report reading in part as follows:

"... concerning the retirement status and rights of D. D. Alejandro, a former bishop of the Philippines Conference, elected for two terms, the first January 1944 to November 1948 and the second November 1960 to November 1964. . . .

"We do request of the Judicial Council that the Council state the meaning of Paragraphs 445 and 559, Section 2, in a declaratory decision, without prejudice.

"We further request that Mr. Clarkson W. Loucks prepare the appeal to the Judicial Council."

This recommendation was approved by the Council of Bishops on November 18, 1965, and forwarded by Bishop Roy H. Short, Secretary, to the Judicial Council together with the letter of Amado Castro which reads in part:

"There is no doubt that all these [evidences cited in the letter] show and prove that the Philippines Central Conference elects its own bishop or bishops for four years. On the light of these facts and historical evidence, D. D. Alejandro was elected bishop each time for four years and never for life."

The petition for declaratory decision from the Council of Bishops filed under date of February 7, 1966, requested that the Judicial Council:

"(a) construe Paragraph 445. and subparagraph 2. of Paragraph 559. of the 1964 *Discipline*, and adjudge and declare that a former effective bishop of the Philippines Central Conference . . . shall be returned to membership as a traveling elder in the Annual Conference (or its successor) of which he ceased to be a member when elected bishop, and shall cease to be a bishop of The Methodist Church for any purpose whatsoever;

"(b) adjudicate and declare that continuing office tenure is essential to retirement status as a bishop of The Methodist Church;

"(c) adjudicate and declare that within limitations imposed by subparagraph 5. of Paragraph 1804. of the 1964 *Discipline*, it is within the power of the Philippines Central Conference, if it so desires, to grant life tenure to any former or effective quadrennial term bishop of such conference, at any time before or after his last term of office expires;

"(d) adjudicate and declare that if a former effective quadrennial term bishop of the Philippines Central Conference is subsequently granted life tenure as a bishop of The Methodist Church by his conference, after the time his compulsory retirement as an incumbent of such office with unexpired tenure would otherwise have arrived, then, and contemporaneously with the consecration of any such bishop, he shall acquire the status and rights of a life term bishop of The Methodist Church, in retirement, with such pension benefits as may accrue to retired bishops of his Central Conference; and

"(e) declare that the ruling of the Judicial Council herein is without prejudice as to all former bishops of The Methodist Church (who have reached compulsory retirement age during their last

term of office as bishop), their wives or widows, and the dependent children of such bishops."

Dionisio D. Alejandro, under date of March 29, 1966, wrote a letter to the Judicial Council in which he expressed his conviction that he should be classified as a retired bishop.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision on this matter under Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

This petition requires an interpretation and application of Paragraphs 445, 559.2 and 1804.5 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

The Philippines Central Conference had and has unquestioned power to choose between electing bishops for a term of years and electing them with life tenure. (Paragraphs 20, 401, and 1629 of the 1940 *Discipline*; Paragraphs 441, 445 and 558 of the 1964 *Discipline*.) The record shows that the Philippines Central Conference has from 1940 to the present consistently elected its bishops for quadrennial terms.

When a minister elected to the episcopacy for a limited period of years completes that term of office, he is returned to membership in the Annual Conference of which he ceased to be a member when he was elected. (Paragraphs 445 and 559.2 of the 1964 *Discipline*. See also Judicial Council Decisions 4, 61 and 199.)

We believe that the petition presents two fundamental questions:

1. If the term of office of a minister elected to a four-year term as bishop expires with or after the date when due to age his eligibility for reelection to the episcopacy ceases according to the rules established by the Central Conference, does he retire as a bishop with the same rights as a bishop who was elected with life tenure?

2. Does a Central Conference where term episcopacy prevails have the right to elect a former bishop to life tenure as a retired bishop?

Question 1 is unequivocally and correctly answered by counsel for the Council of Bishops in the following words:

There is no justifiable reason why bishops whose short terms of office expire, per se, but contemporaneously with a time for compulsory retirement if they had longer tenure, should be favored over bishops whose specified terms of office are identical, but expire prior to any such compulsory time of retirement. In either case, such perishable terms of office will end, and no portion will remain from which retirement is possible."

The plain language of the Disciplinary paragraphs supports this interpretation and is in harmony with Judicial Council Decision No. 199. D. D. Alejandro, therefore, completed his term of office and became a member as a traveling elder of the Annual Conference of which he had ceased to be a member when he was elected bishop.

The final question is: Does a Central Conference have the power to elect a former bishop to the status of a retired life-term bishop?

Paragraph 1804.5 reads:

"The Philippines Central Conference is authorized to elect two bishops for that Central Conference, provided that by such election there shall not be more than two effective bishops resident in the field at any one time during the quadrennium."

The intent of this enabling act is clear. Permission is granted to have two but not more than two bishops in the effective relationship at any one time. No permission is granted here or elsewhere to elect former bishops to the status of a bishop in retirement. It would have been within the power of the Philippines Central Conference, which met after the 1964 General Conference (or similarly in 1960), to have revised its tenure provision to change from limited-term to life-tenure episcopacy before proceeding to the election of bishops. The legislation of the General Conference did not foreclose the possibility of the Central Conference changing to a life-tenure rule. It simply stipulated the Conference should not have more than two effective bishops.

The essence of "term episcopacy" is that on completion of the term of office the incumbent ceases to occupy that office. A bishop, even though he reaches the age of compulsory retirement concurrently with the completion of the term of office, ceases to be a bishop and returns to the status of a member of the Annual Conference (Paragraph 445). If a man is elected to the episcopacy under the life-tenure rule, then his term as bishop continues until death, even though he be retired from actual administration when he reaches the mandatory age for retirement from the episcopacy or for other reasons he be retired at an earlier age. (Paragraphs 436.3 and 436.4.)

Throughout the Constitution and legislation of the General Conference, it is apparent that ministers are elected to the episcopacy to fulfill episcopal functions. Retirement status is granted within the office of the episcopacy provided life tenure was specified prior to the election. There is no legislative provision to elect persons to a retired episcopal relation. Provision is specifically made, under Paragraph

559.2 of the 1964 *Discipline*, for a retirement allowance to be paid from the General Episcopal Fund for "a minister who has served a term, or part of a term, as a bishop in a Central Conference where term episcopacy has prevailed. . . ." This by implication assumes that a bishop who has served in the limited-term episcopacy does not on retirement continue in the office of bishop. It also assumes that a limited-term bishop will not be elected to a life-tenure status after he reaches retirement, thereby having a claim for full episcopal retirement benefits.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the four-year term of episcopacy to which Dionisio D. Alejandro was elected in November 1960 expired at the close of the 1964 session of the Philippines Central Conference. At that time he again became a member of the Annual Conference of which he had ceased to be a member when he was elected to the episcopacy. The fact of his age is, in this connection, immaterial.

The Philippines Central Conference does not have the power to grant life tenure to a man who is in the retired relation even though he may have been a bishop for a term of years. The tenure provision must be clearly stated before the election occurs.

We do not grant relief sought under Paragraph (e) of the prayer of the petition of the Council of Bishops beyond that stated above.

April 15, 1966

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In Re: Petition of D. D. Alejandro for Reconsideration of Decision No. 236

DIGEST OF DECISION

The petition to reconsider and set aside Decision No. 236 is denied.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A petition for reconsideration of Decision No. 236, dated August 3, 1966, has been submitted. Other petitions and supporting and opposing briefs have been filed by other persons.

Under the rules of the Judicial Council the only petitioner having a right to file a petition for reconsideration of this case was D. D. Alejandro because he had an interest in the proceedings under Rule 13 of the council. The other petitioners had no such interest.

Decision

After careful consideration of the petition, and examination of the briefs and the disciplinary references we see no

reason to grant a rehearing in this case. Therefore the petition to reconsider and set aside Decision No. 236 is denied.

November 7, 1966

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop Jose L. Valencia in the Northwest Philippines Annual Conferences Concerning the Right of an Annual Conference to Hold a New Election of Delegates to Attend an Adjourned or Special Session of The General Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

It is the privilege of an Annual Conference under Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline* to hold a new election of delegates to represent it at an adjourned or special session of the General Conference and by such new election it may replace those delegates who represented it at the regular session of the General Conference. This right of a new election is not conditional. It does not depend upon the death, resignation, disqualification or inability of prior elected delegates to serve. It is not a matter which is discretionary with the Presiding Bishop.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This proceeding is an appeal from a ruling by Bishop Jose L. Valencia, the Presiding Bishop in the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference held at Paniqui, Tarlac, Philippines, May 11-15, 1966. The facts relating to this appeal, as certified by Rev. Victor C. Vinluan, Secretary of the conference, are as follows:

A motion was duly moved and seconded that a new election of delegates to the General Conference be held to determine who would represent the Annual Conference at the adjourned session of the General Conference at Chicago, Illinois, November 7, 1966. Following debate but before vote, a substitute motion was duly made, seconded and carried requesting the Presiding Bishop to rule upon the right of the Annual Conference to conduct a new election in light of our Decision No. 221. Thereafter, Bishop Valencia presented to the conference a statement reviewing that decision, pointing particularly to our holding that the special 1966 session of the 1964 General Conference is an adjourned session. On this basis, Bishop Valencia stated:

"If the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference do not waive their rights as delegates . . .; or if there is no valid or legitimate reason by which said delegates cannot serve as the annual conference delegates to said adjourned session, such as death, lingering or incurable sickness, withdrawal from the ministry and membership of The Methodist Church, location, supernumerary relations, suspension or expulsion from The Methodist Church, the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference shall serve as the annual conference delegates to the adjourned session of the General Conference."

His formal ruling was as follows:

"By virtue of the authority given to the Presiding Bishop by the

Northwest Philippines Annual Conference on May 14, 1966; by virtue of the fact that 'the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference' do not waive their rights to serve as delegates to the adjourned session of said General Conference; and by virtue of the fact that there is no valid or legitimate reason, as stated above, by which said delegates cannot serve as delegates to said adjourned session, I, therefore, rule that the statement of the Judicial Council in its Decision 221, 'The Special session of the General Conference to be held in 1966, called pursuant to Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*, is an adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference and shall be composed of the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference . . .', prevails and, therefore, 'the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference' by the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference 'shall serve as its delegates to the adjourned session of the General Conference.'"

With 98 delegates entitled to vote, on motion duly made and seconded, the Annual Conference voted to appeal the ruling to us by vote of 52 "for" and 46 "against."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to hear and determine this appeal under Paragraph 908 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

The ruling of Bishop Jose L. Valencia is patently erroneous and violates the clear and unambiguous provisions of Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*, which reads as follows:

"¶ 509. The General Conference by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, the Council of Bishops by a two-thirds vote, or two-thirds of all the Annual Conferences by a majority vote of each conference, shall have the power to call at any time an extra session of the General Conference, to be held at such time as the Council of Bishops may choose and at such place as a committee chosen by the Council of Bishops may fix. The purpose of such extra session shall be stated in the call, and only such business shall be transacted as is in harmony with the purpose stated in the call. *The General Conference thus called shall be composed of the delegates elected to the preceding General Conference, except when an Annual Conference shall prefer to have a new election.*" (italics supplied)

We are at a loss to understand any justification for the qualifications which Bishop Valencia read into the last sentence of this paragraph and for the misreading of our Decision No. 221. The last sentence of Paragraph 509 makes

a new election of delegates to serve at a special or adjourned session a matter of preference of the Annual Conference, not a matter of filling vacancies. The filling of vacancies because of the death, resignation, disqualification or incapacity to act of a delegate or delegates is governed by the provisions for reserve delegates to the General Conference found in the Constitution (Paragraph 23, 1964 *Discipline*) and in Paragraph 504.4 of the *Discipline*.

Likewise, nothing in Decision No. 221 justified the extrapolation indulged in by Bishop Valencia. In that case, we said.

"The special session of the 1964 General Conference to be held in 1966, called pursuant to Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline*, is an adjourned session of the 1964 General Conference and shall be composed of the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference without change in number by reason of the elimination through transfer or merger of Annual Conferences subsequent to the regular session of said General Conference, or by reason of increase or decrease in membership of any Annual Conference. *An Annual Conference may, in its discretion, conduct a new election to designate who shall serve as its delegates to the adjourned session of the General Conference.*" (italics supplied)

In our Decision No. 228, decided April 24, 1965, we said:

"Such a delegate serves in a representative capacity and his tenure may be the subject of General Conference legislation. It is our view that the General Conference has validly legislated with respect to said matter in Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline* wherein it has provided for new elections under certain circumstances. It is our further opinion that Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline*, relating to an 'extra' session of a General Conference, is equally as applicable to an adjourned session as it is to a special session. We find Paragraph 509 of the *Discipline* to be constitutional and not in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution found in Paragraph 23 of the *Discipline*. See Decision No. 226."

Regrettably, this appeal comes to us too late for remedial action to be taken by the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference which by reason of the erroneous ruling has been denied an important privilege of our connection, namely, the unqualified right to be represented at an adjourned session of the General Conference by a delegation chosen at a new election following the regular session of the General Conference of 1964.

Decision

The Northwest Philippines Annual Conference was entitled to hold a new election of General Conference delegates to represent the Annual Conference at the adjourned session of the General Conference in Chicago, Illinois, commencing November 7, 1966. Bishop Valencia's ruling to the contrary was in clear violation of Paragraph 509 of the 1964 *Discipline* and is therefore reversed.

November 8, 1966

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In Re: Petition from the Central Illinois Conference for a Declaratory Decision Concerning the Right of An Annual Conference to Direct Its Board of Missions as a Corporation to Hold All Church Extension Property for the Conference and for Its District and City Church Extension Societies and to Determine the Use of Such Property

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Annual Conference can direct its incorporated Board of Missions to hold all church extension property purchased and held by the Annual Conference or by missionary societies organized under its control, but an Annual Conference has no such authority over titles to property purchased and held by district or city missionary societies organized under other controls as provided by Paragraphs 1225-1234 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

By action of its 1957 and 1958 sessions the Illinois Annual Conference (now the Central Illinois Annual Conference) of The Methodist Church authorized the incorporation of its Conference Board of Missions as the "Central Illinois Methodist Board of Missions."

The Central Illinois Methodist Board of Missions was duly incorporated and since 1958 has functioned as a legal body and has the right to hold title to property for Church extension purposes.

The 1964, 1965 and 1966 sessions of the Central Illinois Annual Conference directed that the Central Illinois Methodist Board of Missions, a corporation, be authorized to select, purchase and hold property for church extension purposes.

The 1964 and 1965 *Journals* of the Central Illinois Annual Conference indicate that the conference is moving into a church extension program and that it is setting up district and city missionary and church extension societies under the authority and control of the conference and of its district planning and development committees.

At the 1966 session of the Central Illinois Annual Conference, the Board of Missions of the Central Illinois Annual Conference proposed the following resolution:

("2. Recommendation for an addition to the Conference Rules of

Order, 'in keeping with Para. 759.4 of the 1964 *Discipline*, which permits an Annual Conference to restrict the function of a District or other Missionary and Church Extension Society, we recommend that the Central Illinois Conference adopt the policy and direct that all property purchased or held for church extension purposes (including property purchased in the past, but with the exception of property purchased and held for use by a single local church) shall be held in the name of the Central Illinois Methodist Board of Missions, with full authority by that body to determine use of the property.'"

When the foregoing resolution was presented, an objection was made to the adoption of the resolution on the ground that this resolution was in violation of the provisions of the *Discipline*. Thereupon, a motion was made, seconded and adopted by the conference requesting a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council on the legality of such procedure, especially with regard to the provisions of Paragraph 759.4 and Paragraphs 1225-1234 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

The Secretary of the Central Illinois Annual Conference of The Methodist Church has presented this Petition for Declaratory Decision to the Judicial Council. The precise question as posed by the Central Illinois Annual Conference as set forth on Page 764 of its 1966 *Journal* is as follows:

"Can an Annual Conference direct its Board of Missions as a Corporation to hold all Church Extension property for the Conference and for its District and City Church Extension Societies?"

In explanation of the question presented for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Central Illinois Annual Conference states that the issue is whether or not Paragraph 759.4 of the *Discipline* implies that an Annual Conference may restrict the functions of local missionary societies with regard to the matters of acquiring and determining the use of real estate for church extension as such societies are provided for and empowered to act under Paragraphs 1225-1234 of the *Discipline*; also whether or not the Annual Conference can direct that the title to such real estate for church extension and the final determination as to its use can be placed by the Annual Conference in the Conference Board of Missions instead of in the local missionary societies.

Jurisdiction

The Petition in this case presents the question as to whether or not the paragraphs of the 1964 *Discipline* referred to in the Statement of Facts are subject to more than one interpretation or seem to be of doubtful meaning or application.

We hold that the Judicial Council has jurisdiction to entertain this Petition under Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

Paragraph 759.4 of the 1964 *Discipline* reads as follows:

"Unless the Annual Conference directs otherwise, a district within the conference may authorize and promote Advance specials for church-extension and missionary needs within the district, such funds to be administered

by a district missionary society organized for that purpose, or by a similar body set up by the District Conference. Such specials secured and administered on a district level shall be reported by each local church to the Annual Conference as conference Advance specials."

The action proposed by the Board of Missions of the Central Illinois Annual Conference assumes that the first phrase of this paragraph, "unless the Annual Conference directs otherwise," permits an Annual Conference to restrict the functioning of district and other missionary and church extension societies.

Paragraph 759 is a part of Chapter II of Part V of the *Discipline* on Temporal Economy. Chapter II deals with Church Finance and Paragraph 759.4 with the authorization and administration of conference Advance specials for church extension and missionary needs within a district. The Annual Conference has the authority to direct the initiation of such conference Advance specials and to control the administration of funds derived from them through a district missionary society or through some other body, organized by it for that purpose. An Annual Conference can instruct its incorporated Board of Missions to hold and to determine the use of all church extension property held by the Annual Conference or by local district and city missionary societies which are under its control.

The *Discipline*, however, in Part VII, Chapter VI, entitled "Board of Missions," in Paragraphs 1225-1234, authorizes the organization of city or district missionary societies under other controls.

Paragraph 1226 reads—"Such a society may be organized in the interest of missions and church extension under such name and control as it may determine, whenever in the judgement of the bishop or bishops and district superintendent or superintendents concerned it is deemed desirable . . ."

Paragraph 1228 reads—"The city or district missionary society may include in its work the organization (but not the constituting) of churches, the aid of weak churches, the acquisition of real estate and erecting of buildings, . . ."

It is apparent that such city and district missionary societies are not necessarily creatures of the Annual Conference within whose bounds they exist. They may be organized and incorporated under other controls with the rights and duties as spelled out in the paragraphs of the *Discipline* referred to above. The *Discipline* does not authorize an Annual Conference to deprive such societies of the latter

character, without their consent, of their right to acquire and hold property for church extension purposes.

Decision

It is therefore the decision of the Judicial Council that an Annual Conference does not have the right to direct its Board of Missions as an incorporated body to hold title to or to determine the use of church extension property which has been acquired by city or district missionary societies organized under other controls as provided by Paragraphs 1225-1234 of the 1964 *Discipline*, unless agreed to by such societies. We therefore hold that the resolution presented to the 1966 session of the Central Illinois Annual Conference by the Board of Missions of that conference was inappropriate, and if adopted by the conference would constitute a violation of the provisions of the *Discipline*.

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In Re: Ruling of Bishop W. Kenneth Pope on Suspension of Gladstone Risinger

DIGEST OF DECISION

The penalty of suspension by verdict of a Trial Court under Paragraph 935 is an interruption of and prohibition upon the exercise of ministerial functions for the period of time stipulated. Such suspension interrupts, but does not deprive the individual suspended of the privileges of full connection of ministerial membership in his Annual Conference, nor exclude him from the church. In prescribing the penalty of suspension such a Trial Court may not condition reinstatement of a suspended minister by requiring him to assume the burden of proving affirmatively an absence of disqualifying conditions. It is required of him only that he submit himself to the Annual Conference through procedures established by the *Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Gladstone Risinger, for convenience hereinafter referred to as the 'appellant,' an ordained and appointed elder in the North Texas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, on June 21, 1963, was charged by the Conference Committee on Investigation under Paragraph 921, Sections (a), (c) and (f). On August 8, 1963, after hearing before the Trial Court, he was adjudged guilty of specified charges under Paragraphs 921 (c) and (f). The appellant appealed to the Jurisdictional Court of Appeals and on October 1, 1963, the verdict of the Trial Court was modified and affirmed in the following language:

"1. We find the evidence sustains the verdict of the Trial Court of the North Texas Conference that Rev. Gladstone Risinger is guilty under Paragraph 921(c), of 'imprudent and unministerial conduct,' but we do not find that the evidence sustains the verdict of guilty under Paragraph 921(f), of 'immorality and crime.'

"2. We support the penalty assessed by the Trial Court."

The penalty of the Trial Court, as affirmed by the Jurisdictional Court of Appeals, was as follows:

"That said Gladstone Risinger be suspended from the exercise of all functions of his ministerial office, such suspension to terminate at the regular 1965 session of the North Texas Annual Conference, provided that he is able to satisfy the conference at that time that his conduct is and has been such as to warrant his reinstatement."

The appellant served the period of suspension and in May 1965, prior to the regular session of the North Texas Annual Conference, informed the Presiding Bishop of the North Texas Annual Conference of appellant's desire for reinstatement and appointment to his ministerial functions. He was informed by the bishop that the Committee on Conference Relations would have to recommend and the conference approve his "readmission" before any appointment to ministerial duty. In addition, appellant was dissuaded by the Presiding Bishop to apply for reinstatement or "readmission."

On June 6, 1966, appellant appeared before the Committee on Conference Relations, at which time he objected to the application of requirements of *Discipline* Paragraph 993 in his case; contended that his suspension terminated at the Annual Conference of 1965, and stated "I desire to fully co-operate with this committee and all other duly constituted authorities by answering any pertinent questions." The record does not disclose what report or recommendation the Committee on Conference Relations made to the Annual Conference. However, on June 8, 1966, during the session of the Annual Conference, a member of the Conference requested in writing an episcopal decision as to whether Reverend Gladstone Risinger was "an effective member of the North Texas Conference, in good standing and entitled to exercise all functions of the ministerial office."

On June 10, 1966, the Presiding Bishop made a ruling in writing. The pertinent part is as follows:

"The Brief requesting the ruling on my part sets forth only part of the penalty that was fixed by the Trial Court and sustained. The following penalty was assessed to the Reverend Gladstone Risinger by the Trial Court of the North Texas Conference of The Methodist Church:

'To be suspended from the ministry of The Methodist Church until the meeting of the 1965 North Texas Annual Conference. At that time he may apply for readmission to the ministry of The Methodist Church through the North Texas Annual Conference; provided he can satisfy the North Texas Annual Conference that his conduct during the period of his suspension has been in keeping with the standards of the ministry of The Methodist Church.'

"'Suspended' means to be placed outside. When a student is suspended from school, he is not a member of the student body. The other two stated forms of penalty are 'expulsion' or 'deposition.' At the time, one is much 'out of the Methodist Ministry' under suspension he is under the other two stated penalties. The difference in 'suspension' has to do with the possibility of returning and being readmitted.

"This open door of possibility mitigates the sentence assessed. However, the 'outness' is as much out under one penalty as another. The very wording of the penalty itself implies that one is on the outside of the ministry, i.e., 're-admission to the ministry of The Methodist Church.' One is not 'readmitted' to something in which he is already a part. One is 're-admitted' from the outside. Until further action is taken, Gladstone Risinger, under the penalty as-

sessed, is on the outside of the ministry of The Methodist Church. The sentence states that 'he may apply for re-admission.' This is permission to ask for re-admission, but it is neither automatic nor certain that re-admission will be granted. The mood and mind of the Annual Conference is still free to say 'yes' or 'no.'

"A penalty of suspension from the ministry of The Methodist Church belongs to the area of 'Involuntary Location' in that the penalty is involuntarily received. In paragraph 377 of the *Discipline* the last sentence states: 'In the case of involuntary location the authority to exercise the ministerial office shall be suspended, and the District Superintendent shall require from him his credentials to be deposited with the Secretary of the Conference.' This is the required procedure from ministers whose ministerial office and function have been taken from them. At the present time, Gladstone Resinger has not surrendered his credentials to the Conference secretary.

"Furthermore, Gladstone Risinger has not united with a local Methodist Church since his suspension from the ministry. This failure to identify himself with Methodist Church membership means that he is not only not a Methodist Minister at the present time, but that he is also not a member of the Methodist Church. Even the most generous allowance might have been that at the surrender of his credentials he request and be granted a certificate of membership in The Methodist Church by the Conference Secretary. No such request has been made by Gladstone Risinger.

"The above reasons are in themselves minimum and adequate reasons for my ruling concerning Gladstone Risinger. He is neither in the Methodist Ministry nor in the Methodist Church.

Signed: W. KENNETH POPE

Bishop of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area
The Methodist Church"

The statement of the penalty appearing in the foregoing ruling of the Presiding Bishop was that which was presented to him for consideration. After the rendering of his ruling it was ascertained that that penalty statement was erroneous and through stenographic error, or otherwise, failed to follow the wording of the penalty prescribed by the Trial Court. It is the latter statement which we consider herein. The appellant intervened as a party in interest and submitted a brief and oral argument.

Jurisdiction

The episcopal ruling comes to us for review under Article VII of Division Three of the Constitution (Paragraph 40 of the 1964 *Discipline*). Therefore we have jurisdiction under that provision and related Paragraph 909 of the *Discipline*.

Analysis

The questions of law raised by the episcopal ruling and brief of appellant are:

1. What is the legal effect of the Trial Court's penalty as affirmed by the Jurisdictional Court of Appeals?
2. Did the episcopal ruling correctly interpret the penalty?

The appellant was accused under Paragraph 921 of the *Discipline*; was charged by the Conference Committee of investigation in accordance with Paragraph 934; and the Trial Court conducted its proceedings in compliance with Paragraph 935, wherein it provides:

"The court thus constituted shall have full power to try the accused and upon his conviction by a vote of nine or more thereof shall have power to *suspend* him from the exercise of the functions of his office; to *depose* him from his office or the ministry or both; to *expel* him from the church; or in case of conviction of minor offenses, to fix a lesser penalty." (emphasis added)

Thus the Trial Court had the power to impose one of three alternate penalties, each of different severity. It is a well-established rule that statutes prescribing penalties are to be strictly construed. When punishment is imposed under one of the alternative procedures, that particular punishment should be applied justly without added penalty or onerous condition borrowed from the other alternatives which were not invoked.

The focal question posed by the episcopal ruling is the meaning of the proviso "to suspend from the exercise of all functions of his ministerial office" as a penalty authorized in Paragraph 935, and its effect upon the appellant's membership in the Annual Conference.

The term "suspend" has not been precisely defined in the church *Discipline*, but is clearly recognized as a distinct and separate discipline to be imposed upon ministerial members. Thus in Paragraph 636, "the Annual Conference shall have power to hear complaints against its ministerial members and may try, reprove, suspend, deprive of ministerial office and credentials, expel, or acquit . . ." However, the phrase "shall be suspended" in the instance of involuntary location (Paragraphs 379 and 378) appears to be an imprecise use of the term "suspend." "Involuntary location" involves a termination of ministerial functions. Therefore the word "revoked" would be more accurate since surrender of credentials is required.

In the absence of clear definition in the *Discipline*, we turn to the general and accepted meaning of words. According to Black: Law Dictionary, 3rd Edition:

To "suspend" is "to interrupt, to cause to cease for a time; to discontinue temporarily, but with an expectation

or purpose of resumption; to forbid an ecclesiastical person from performing his duties or functions for a more or less definite interval of time."

To "depose" is to deprive, remove, divest, or strip from an individual his office or position against his will.

To "expel" is to put out, exclude from a body or order, and in the ecclesiastical sense, the excommunication and formal cutting off from the privileges and sacraments of the church.

We conclude that the penalty of the Trial Court in the instant case, as set forth in the Statement of Facts, was clearly and solely a suspension for a time period, a temporary interruption "from the exercise of all functions of his ministerial office" to terminate at the regular 1965 session of the Annual Conference. We hold that the clause "provided that he is able to satisfy the conference at that time that his conduct is and has been such as to warrant his reinstatement," imposed upon the appellant a burden not required of him by the law in cases of suspension. The clause can only be sustained as a requirement that he submit himself to the Annual Conference through procedures established by the *Discipline*.

We hold that the suspension imposed did not deprive or depose appellant of his membership or connection in the Annual Conference, nor did it expel him from the church. The authority of an ordained elder (Paragraph 402), the duties and functions of a pastor (paragraph 352), and the privileges of a member in full connection of the Annual Conference, were temporarily interrupted, but not divested. Thus, in the absence of a clear statutory requirement, we conclude that the surrender of credentials in case of suspension is not required. Only in cases of deposition, expulsion, voluntary withdrawal or involuntary location is it required that credentials be surrendered. (Paragraphs 377, 378, 991 and 992)

Decision

The penalty of suspension by verdict of a Trial Court is an interruption of and prohibition upon the exercise of ministerial functions for the period stipulated. Such suspension does not divest, but interrupts only the privileges of full connection of a ministerial member of an Annual Conference. It does not remove him from the ministry or exclude him from the church. The episcopal ruling so holding is reversed.

November 10, 1966

In Re: Appeal From the Action of the Philippines Central Conference in Abolishing the Position of Promotional Director of the Philippines Central Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

The *Discipline* is silent concerning the position of Promotional Director in a Central Conference. Since no law of the church was violated by the action of the Philippines Central Conference the appeal is denied.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Secretary of the Philippines Central Conference, Meynardo R. Jose, has submitted in a letter dated October 20, 1966, to the Secretary of the Judicial Council an excerpt from the minutes of the Proceedings of the Philippines Central Conference for November 1, 1964, the *Journal* of the 1964 Philippines Central Conference not as yet being in print. The conference approved a report of its Board of Lay Activities which included, among other items:

“(2) The office of the Promotional Director should be abolished and the functions and funds of said office should be transferred to the Board of Lay Activities.”

Gregorio R. Bailen thereupon moved: “. . . to appeal the decision of the Philippines Central Conference which transferred the Office of the Promotional Director to the Board of Lay Activities, it being contrary to the action of the General Conference, to the Judicial Council on question of legality.” The secretary of the conference declares in his letter that “the appeal was unanimously voted.”

The contention of Gregorio R. Bailen is that the Central Conference by its vote eliminated an office which is required by General Conference legislation and illegally placed the responsibility under the Board of Lay Activities.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 906.

Analysis

The Co-ordinating Council, in its Report Number One to the 1964 General Conference, presented the “Anniversary Quadrennial Program” (*Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 18-20). With minor amendment it was adopted.

The appellant is clearly in error on two points. The report was not adopted as part of the law of the church, and does not appear in the *Discipline*. Second, the office referred to in the appeal and brief is an office in the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of the general church and not in a Central Conference; to wit:

"The Commission [on Promotion and Cultivation] shall have the power to employ a director of the Quadrennial Program, with the understanding that such liaison services as may be needed overseas shall be provided by the Board of Missions."

Decision

The appeal is without merit and is denied.

November 9, 1966

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In Re: Request of the General Conference for a Declaratory Decision Concerning the Impact of Article IV of Division One of the Proposed Constitution of the United Methodist Church Upon the Transitional Existence of Annual Conferences Predominantly Racial in Composition

DIGEST OF DECISION

During a transitional period, Article IV of Division One of the proposed Constitution of the United Methodist Church is to be construed in harmony with the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Plan of Union is a transitional constitutional enactment designed to enable the uniting churches to move from their present positions to those mandated by the Constitution of the United Methodist Church. During this transitional period, Article IV is not to be read so as to forbid the continued existence of Annual Conferences, the membership of which may be predominantly, or even exclusively, racial in composition.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The proposed Constitution of the United Methodist Church will include the following Article:

"Inclusiveness of the Church.—The United Methodist Church is a part of the Church Universal which is one Body in Christ. Therefore all persons, without regard to race, color, national origin, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, to participate in its programs, and, when they take the appropriate vows, to be admitted into its membership in any local church in the connection. In The United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body of the church because of race, color, national origin or economic condition." (Division One, Article IV)

The transition of the uniting churches into the new United Methodist Church will be governed by the provisions of the Plan of Union which was approved by the General Conference on November 10, 1966 by the adoption of the following resolution:

"I move the adoption of the Enabling Legislation as set forth on

page 753 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* with the understanding that, when adopted by the procedures therein prescribed, it be considered as constitutional and that the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church print directly after the Constitution either the text of the Enabling Legislation or a cross reference showing where in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and the General Conference Journal the text of the Enabling Legislation may be found."

Paragraph 9 of the Plan of Union spells out procedures to be followed by the new church during this transitional period to eliminate as expeditiously as possible all racially structured units of the church that on consummation of the Plan of Union all Annual Conferences presently part of the Central Jurisdiction shall become a part of the regional jurisdiction within whose boundaries they lie. Beyond that, Paragraph 9 of the Plan of Union provides in part:

"The objective toward which the new church moves is an inclusive church with no overlapping of Annual Conference boundaries. The Plan of Union contemplates that unification of church structure shall take place in steps as follows:

STEP ONE

(A) Upon the Plan of Union becoming effective all Annual Conferences of both uniting churches will automatically become part of a Jurisdiction or a Central Conference or a Provisional Central Conference of the united church, in each case as shown on the attached schedule.

STEP TWO

(B) Whenever in a Jurisdiction or in a Central Conference or in a Provisional Central Conference Annual Conference boundaries overlap, the Annual Conferences involved shall designate committees or agencies to study the possibility of, and bring about as soon as practicable and mutually agreeable, the uniting or rearranging of Annual Conferences and Annual Conference boundaries to the end that there shall be no overlapping of Annual Conference boundaries.

...

(D) So far as the Annual Conferences formerly of the Methodist Central Jurisdiction are concerned, efforts shall be made to carry out the 'Plan of Action for the Elimination of the Central Jurisdiction' as adopted by the Methodist General Conference of 1964. ..."

On November 9, 1966 the General Conference requested of the Judicial Council an advisory judgment with respect to two questions:

"Does this Article IV make possible (for such period following Union as the law of the church may otherwise provide for the elimination of Annual Conferences formerly of the Central Jurisdiction)

1. The continuation of overlapping Annual Conferences even though the membership of one may be predominantly, or even exclusively, Negro and the other predominantly, or even exclusively, of another race or races?

2. The rearranging of Annual Conferences formerly of the Central Jurisdiction by mergers or by the dividing of such Annual Conferences into new districts even though at the time of such rearrangement the membership of such Annual Conferences is predominantly, or even exclusively, Negro and their boundaries overlap Annual Conferences the membership of which is predominantly, or even exclusively, of another race or races?"

Jurisdiction

Concurrently with the reference of the two questions above quoted, the General Conference voted to confer upon the Judicial Council "the duty and power to respond to this request for interpretation." Our jurisdiction to respond is found in Paragraph 911 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

Article IV of Division One of the proposed Constitution is a broad constitutional interdiction of any racial structures in the new church. But it must be read in conjunction with the Enabling Legislation in the Plan of Union. They are to be voted upon by the General Conference as part of a single proposal; and both enjoy constitutional status, the latter as a consequence of the terms of the resolution (quoted in the Statement of Facts) by which the General Conference adopted it.

The Plan of Union delineates policies and procedures to be followed by the uniting churches and the new church during the transitional period in order to bring their structures and practices into harmony with the constitution of the new church.

Read together, Article IV of Division One of the Constitution and Paragraph 9 of the Plan of Union reveal a pattern to move toward the inclusiveness defined in Article IV of the new constitution by the policies and procedures spelled out in Paragraph 9 of the Plan of Union. It is recognized that the transition from the old to the new cannot be accomplished the moment the new church comes into being. At that moment the enactments of the Plan of Union furnish a bridge by which we get from the old to the new.

The questions asked of us are confined in time to the transitional period when the policies and procedures enacted in Paragraph 9 of the Plan of Union are in effect. The situations anticipated in both questions are in harmony with the factual assumptions which underlie Paragraph 9 of the Plan of Union; and the policies and procedures designed to bring the assumed situations into harmony with the new constitution are spelled out in Paragraph 9.

Decision

During the transitional period provided in the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Article IV of Division One of the proposed Constitution of the United Methodist Church does not forbid:

1. The continuation of overlapping Annual Conferences even though the membership of one may be predominantly, or even exclusively, Negro and the other predominantly, or even exclusively, of another race or races; and

2. The rearranging of Annual Conferences formerly of the Central Jurisdiction by mergers or by the dividing of such Annual Conferences into new districts even though at the time of such rearrangement the membership of such Annual Conferences is predominantly, or even exclusively Negro and their boundaries overlap Annual Conferences the membership of which is predominantly, or even exclusively, of another race or races.

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In Re: Request of the General Conference Asking for a Declaratory Decision Determining Whether the Proposed Constitution Under the Plan of Union of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church Would Require for Its Adoption by The Methodist Church a Three-Fourths Majority Vote of the Members of the Several Annual Conferences Present and Voting

DIGEST OF DECISION

The adoption of the Plan of Union of The Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches, embracing a new constitution for the united church as proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Union with the United Brethren Church would not be in conflict with the provisions of the First Restrictive Rule and would not require a three-fourths majority vote of the members of the Annual Conferences.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the adjourned session of the General Conference being held in Chicago, Illinois, on November 9, 1966, the conference adopted that portion of the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church appearing on Page 753 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* as follows:

"3. The Plan of Union shall be acted upon by The Methodist Church in accordance with the procedures required by its *Discipline*, namely: It shall require for adoption a majority affirmative vote of the members of the General Conference present and voting thereon but the 'Enabling Legislation' and 'Part I—The Constitution' shall require for adoption a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting and a two-thirds majority of all members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting (Par. 10.2)—unless the Judicial Council shall rule that a three-quarters majority is required. Favorable action by the General Con-

ference and the Annual Conferences shall be deemed in compliance with the church's Constitution and authority to remove from its Constitution all material not covered by the new Constitution and to include to the extent appropriate such material elsewhere in the *Discipline*."

By appropriate action the General Conference voted to refer this provision to the Judicial Council for determination as to whether a three-fourths vote would be required among the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church for the adoption of the proposed Plan of Union including, as it does, a proposed new Constitution of the united church.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to determine this matter under Paragraph 904.2 and Paragraph 911 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

Analysis

According to the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church it is proposed to include in the Constitution of the united church under Division One, Article III, Paragraph 3, the following:

"ARTICLES OF RELIGION AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

"The Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith shall be those currently held by the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church, respectively."

The Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church and the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church are both included in the organic Plan of Union as the historic statements of faith of the two uniting churches. Each of these statements is to appear as a separate and complete document, neither one in any way altering or changing the other. Together the two statements would represent the doctrinal position of the new united church.

Paragraph 9.1 of the 1964 *Discipline*, generally referred to as the "First Restrictive Rule" of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, states:

"The General Conference shall not revoke, alter or change our Articles of Religion, or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine."

The Judicial Council is asked to decide whether or not the proposal of the Ad Hoc Committee, as set forth above, is in violation of this restriction of the Methodist Constitution.

The application of the provisions of the First Restrictive

Rule to this case poses two questions which are different in nature and must be considered and answered separately:

1. Does the proposal of the Ad Hoc Committee to thus include both the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church and the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church within the Plan of Union of the united church "revoke, alter or change our Articles of Religion?"

2. Does the said proposal "establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present established standards of doctrine?"

If the answer to either of these questions is in the affirmative the proposal would be in violation of the First Restrictive Rule of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 9.1 of the *Discipline* and would thus invoke the provisions of the Constitution, Paragraph 10.2 of the *Discipline*, requiring for its adoption a three-fourths majority of the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting.

In answer to the first question, "Does the proposal revoke, alter or change our Articles of Religion?", the proposed Plan of Union clearly indicates that there is no intent to change the form or content of the Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church as they presently appear in the 1964 *Discipline*. Even though in the Plan of Union it is proposed that the Articles of Religion appear in the same general division with the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church as a part of the doctrinal statement of the new denomination, this would not have the effect of revoking, altering or changing them. The Judicial Council, therefore, answers the first question in the negative.

In considering the second question we are asked to decide whether the inclusion of the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church together with the Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church as the statement of doctrine of the united church would "establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine" and thus be in conflict with Paragraph 9.1 of the *Discipline*, the First Restrictive Rule.

We believe the answer to this question to be a matter of theological interpretation rather than of judicial decision. The Judicial Council has previously stated that it has no jurisdiction in such matters nor will it undertake to resolve theological questions such as would be involved in deciding whether the inclusion of the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church with the Articles of

Religion of The Methodist Church in the Plan of Union would "establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine." Reference is made to Judicial Council Decision No. 59 where in its decision the Council stated, "The Judicial Council was not set up as an interpreter of doctrine but as an interpreter of law from the strictly legal standpoint."

The Judicial Council therefore does not undertake to respond to the second question and judges the General Conference to be the only body competent to make such an interpretation. We believe that the General Conference has given adequate expression of its judgment on this matter in its adoption of Supplemental Report No. 2 of the Ad Hoc Committee on union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, including the "PREFACE" to Part II—Doctrinal Statements and General Rules, from which we quote—

"The Confession, the Articles of Religion and the Wesleyan 'standards' are thus deemed congruent if not identical in their doctrinal perspective and not in conflict."

The Judicial Council considers that the General Conference has given final and conclusive affirmative answer to Question No. 2 as set forth above. Therefore it follows that there is no violation of the First Restrictive Rule in the Plan of Union as prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee and, therefore, no requirement for a three-fourths vote of the members of the Annual Conferences as provided in Paragraph 10.2 of the *Discipline*.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the proposed Plan of Union of The Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches embracing a new Constitution for the united church may in the Methodist Annual Conferences be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting as provided in the Constitution of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 10.2 of the 1964 *Discipline*.

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DISSENTING OPINION

I concur in the analysis except for the answer to the first question. I must point out that while a two-thirds majority of all the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting is sufficient to make certain constitutional changes, an amendment to the Constitution which involves the First Restrictive Rule "shall require a three-fourths majority of all the members of the Annual Conferences present and voting." The first Restrictive Rule reads "The General

Conference shall not revoke, *alter, or change* our Articles of Religion. . . ." (emphasis supplied). It should be plainly evident that *change* does occur by *addition*; in this case the addition of "The Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church." Further this addition does carry certain materials which, even though the differences may be minor, are indeed different from the Articles of Religion. Therefore with regret I must dissent.

Murray H. Leiffer

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In Re: Request of the General Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Effect of an Abstention From Voting on an Amendment to the Constitution

DIGEST OF DECISION

The adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the church requires a two-thirds majority of all members of the General Conference present and voting. An abstention from voting is not a vote; and one who abstains is not to be counted in determining whether the requisite two-thirds majority has been obtained.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The General Conference has voted that its members shall be recorded as (1) favoring, (2) opposing, or (3) abstaining, in the vote on the motion to approve the proposed Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The General Conference has also requested the Judicial Council to render a declaratory decision on how those who are recorded as abstaining shall be counted in determining whether the motion of approval has obtained the required two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting as mandated by the Constitution of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 10.2 of the *1964 Discipline*.

Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction is grounded in Paragraph 911 of the *1964 Discipline* which directs the Judicial Council to exercise such powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by the General Conference.

Analysis

The adoption of the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church is a constitutional amendment. According to the Constitution of The Methodist Church amendments require "a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting."

There are two types of vote: affirmative and negative. Abstention from voting is not voting. Therefore, in this instance an affirmative vote to adopt the proposed Plan of Union will require two-thirds of the sum of those who vote

“for” and of those who vote “against.” The number of abstentions recorded will have no legal effect.

Decision

In voting on the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, a two-thirds majority of the members of the General Conference present and voting is required for approval. The recording of those who abstain from voting has no legal effect.

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In Re: Petition of the North Carolina Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision Interpreting the Application of Amendment IX of the Constitution, to Determine Whether a Two-thirds Majority Vote of Each Annual Conference of the Affected Jurisdictions Is Required to Adopt a Resolution Providing for the Transfer and Conjoint Merger of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction to and Into the North Carolina Annual Conference, the Virginia Annual Conference and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction

DIGEST OF DECISION

A proposal to transfer and merge an Annual Conference from one jurisdiction to and into one or more Annual Conferences of another jurisdiction under the provisions of Amendment IX of the Constitution requires for adoption an aggregate two-thirds majority of the total number of members of the Annual Conferences present and voting in the respective jurisdictions. It is not affected by the failure of one or more individual Annual Conferences to reach a two-thirds majority vote.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under date of July 20, 1966 a communication was received by the Judicial Council from the secretary of the North Carolina Annual Conference certifying the petition of that conference for a declaratory decision construing the effect of Amendment IX upon an action of that Annual Conference taken at its session on June 15, 1966. In that session the conference adopted a resolution for the transfer and merger of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction into the North Carolina Annual Conference, the Virginia Annual Conference and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Information received by the council from parties in interest sets forth that the resolution referred to was prepared in a joint session of the appropriate inter-jurisdictional bodies of the four involved Annual Conferences.

It was agreed that the resolution, after presentation to the conferences involved and its adoption by the votes required by Section 2 of Amendment IX of the Constitution, would: first, effect the transfer to the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction, and, second, conjointly effect the merger of the said North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction with and into the North Carolina Annual Conference, the Virginia Annual Conference, and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Upon being considered and voted upon in the North Carolina Annual Conference the resolution was adopted but did not receive a two-thirds majority vote. The question then arose as to whether, under provisions of Amendment IX, the resolution had been defeated because of its failure to achieve a two-thirds majority vote in that conference.

Briefs, *amicus curiae*, were submitted to the Judicial Council by Grover C. Bagby on behalf of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns and by a group of forty-seven persons, all of whom are ministers or laymen of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

Jurisdiction

The action of the Annual Conference constitutes a petition for a declaratory decision under the provisions of Paragraph 914 of the 1964 *Discipline* under which we accept jurisdiction.

Analysis

The essential question is whether under a proper interpretation of Section 2 of Amendment IX of the Constitution each of the three Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction directly involved, was required to approve the resolution of transfer and merger by a two-thirds majority vote, failing which, as in the case of the North Carolina Annual Conference, the proposal would be defeated.

The governing voting requirements are clearly set forth in Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Section 2 of Amendment IX. In the case of the Annual Conference desiring transfer the voting requirement in Paragraph (a) is approval "by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting." In the case of "the remainder of the jurisdiction" from which the transfer is being made Paragraph (b) requires a vote "by a two-thirds majority of the total Annual Conference members present and voting." The requirements governing the vote in the jurisdiction to which transfer is to be made are set forth in Paragraph (c) which reads as follows:

"The jurisdiction to which transfer is to be made, by a two-thirds majority of the total of Annual Conference members present and voting. The vote shall be taken in

the various Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction and certified by their secretaries to the College of Bishops, which shall determine whether two-thirds of the total vote in the jurisdiction is favorable."

It is clear that Amendment IX does not require each of the Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction to which transfer is to be made to be tested separately in relationship to the two-thirds voting requirement. By the express wording of Paragraph (c) it is enough that when the vote is taken in the various Annual Conferences "two-thirds of the total vote in the jurisdiction is favorable."

Accordingly, the plan of transfer and merger embodied in the resolution was not defeated because of the failure of the North Carolina Annual Conference to accord it a two-thirds majority vote.

In the briefs *amicus curiae* considerable reliance is placed upon a separate resolution, not specifically involving the merger here under consideration, submitted May 11, 1966 by the Advisory Council of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to all Annual Conferences of that jurisdiction and approved by them by vote of 5904 to 1820. The resolution authorized transfer of all Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences within the geographic area of the Southeastern Jurisdiction into the latter jurisdiction. It also purported to authorize subsequent mergers of transferred Annual Conferences with Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, by vote of the Annual Conferences of that jurisdiction but without further action at the jurisdictional level other than in matters pertaining to the episcopacy. We also note in the briefs a suggestion that adoption of this Advisory Council resolution is thought to have supplied the vote required by Section 2 (c) of Amendment IX obviating any further action by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in order to validate specific mergers subsequently effected. Nothing in our decision in the instant case should be construed as acceptance of this interpretation as to which substantial questions exist.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the resolution to transfer and merge the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction to and into the North Carolina Annual Conference, the Virginia Annual Conference and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction requires for its adoption an aggregate two-thirds majority vote of the total of Annual Conference members present and voting in

the several Annual Conferences of the respective jurisdictions. The failure of the North Carolina Annual Conference to reach a two-thirds majority vote does not invalidate the plan embodied in the resolution here under consideration.

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CONCURRING OPINION

I concur in the majority opinion insofar as it relates to the votes required for the transfer of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference from the Central Jurisdiction to the Southeastern Jurisdiction. I respectfully dissent from that portion of the opinion which holds that a vote by Annual Conferences only meets the legal requirement for the merger of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference with conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction for the reasons set forth in the dissenting opinion to Decision 233 and the concurring opinion to Decision 234 in which I joined.

Lester A. Welliver

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V. ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM

There shall be a Commission on Entertainment and Program of the General Conference composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction who shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference for a term of eight years; provided that at the 1960 General Conference one-half of the members shall be elected for a term of four years so that thereafter the General Conference shall elect one-half of the members each quadrennium for a term of eight years. The Secretary of the General Conference and the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance shall also be members ex-officio but without vote. This Commission shall determine the place and time (within such limits as may be set up by the General Conference) of the next General Conference and shall make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith, including arrangements for the publication of a book of quadrennial reports of the general boards and other general agencies of the church, the same to be published by the Methodist Publishing House. The Commission shall plan the schedule for the opening day of the Conference. The Commission is authorized, if it deems it advisable, to select the site of the General Conference two quadrenniums in advance. The Council of Bishops shall designate one of its number to convene and organize the Commission before the adjournment of the General Conference. The Commission shall recommend to the General Conference the per diem allowance to be paid to the elected delegates. The Commission shall issue invitations to fraternal delegates, after consultation with the Council of Bishops, and shall arrange for their local entertainment for the specific period of time required for their presentation to the General Conference.

Committee Personnel and Officers

See Journal page 2409.

REPORT NO. 1. ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM

Adopted November 8, 1966. See Journal, page 2571.

The Commission on Entertainment and Program of the General Conference was given full authority by the 1964 session to:

- a. Set the exact date, select the location, and make all necessary arrangements for the special session;
- b. Determine the plan of organization of the special session;
- c. Arrange, after consultation with the Ad Hoc Committee, for the agenda and program for the special session;
- d. Advise the Council of Bishops which if any of the Standing Administrative Committees will be used and for which nominations from the Council will be required.

Pursuant to these instructions and the Rules of Order of the General Conference, the Commission wishes to make the following report:

1. Since this is the first time The Methodist Church has had a session of its General Conference in the interim of regular quadrennial sessions, there is no precedent to follow. Many questions arose for which no answer could be found

in Rules or in previous practice. Consequently, several questions were referred to the Judicial Council for rulings or for guidance. The Church is indebted to the Judicial Council for its concern and help in assisting our Commission in finding proper solutions to our problems. Without quoting verbatim from the decisions of the Judicial Council, the following basic decisions were made:

a. *Decision No. 221.* The 1966 special session is an Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference and shall be composed of the same delegates elected to the 1964 General Conference without change in number by reason of the elimination through transfer or merger of annual conferences subsequent to the regular session of said General Conference, or by reason of increase or decrease in membership of any annual conference. An annual conference may, in its discretion, conduct a new election to designate who shall serve as its delegates to the Adjourned Session of the General Conference.

b. *Decision No. 227.* The business of the 1966 session must be confined to matters fairly embraced within the two items referred to (Reviewing and acting on questions of church union, and receive a progress report on the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction) unless the General Conference itself, by subsequent actions, orders otherwise. Whether legislative committees are to be used is a matter to be determined by the Commission on Entertainment and Program. Any Methodist member or group has the Disciplinary right to file a petition to the 1966 General Conference within the areas of business as prescribed. Arrangements for and the agenda of the 1966 session are the responsibility of the Commission on Entertainment and Program. The General Conference itself must determine the length of the 1966 session.

2. The choice of a site for the special session was very limited because of the desire of the Ad Hoc Committee that our special session be held in as close proximity to the regular General Conference session of the Evangelical United Brethren Church as possible. After surveying various possibilities, it was concluded that only in Chicago could suitable facilities for both Conferences be found. Our Commission then contacted Bishop Thomas Pryor concerning our need for a local committee to work with us. Such a committee was brought together and willingly undertook the responsibilities assigned to it. We are indeed indebted to Bishop Pryor, Mr. Clay E. Steele, general chairman and all the members of the Chicago Local Committee who were drafted for this task and who responded so cheerfully and so capably. Special mention should be made of the tre-

mendous help of Mr. Bruce Phillips, assistant director of sales, Conrad Hilton Hotel who, incidentally, is a member of the local Chicago committee and a good Methodist layman.

3. We are fortunate in having a place to meet (International Ballroom) which has almost exactly the same floor space as the auditorium in Pittsburgh. Consequently, since each Conference delegation is the same size as it was in 1964, an exact duplication of the seating arrangement in Pittsburgh is possible. Only two minor adjustments have been necessary. The seating plan and a list of all Conference delegations showing the seats to which each is assigned appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Pages 747-749.

4. An appropriate medallion was proposed by the Chicago local committee for use in the identification badges for the many groups of people who attend the General Conference. Different colored ribbons are used to identify the status of the persons wearing the badges. These colors and the groups using them are:

Delegates	White and Red
Bishops	Maroon
Bishop's Wives	Maroon and White
Judicial Council	Purple
Judicial Council Wives	Purple and White
Entertainment Commission	Royal Blue
General Secretaries	Nile Green and White
Fraternal Delegates	White
Staff Members & Spouses	Nile Green

In addition to the badges for delegates and officials of the Conference, the local committee provides badges for its personnel, ushers, pages, and visitors.

5. Originally, it was felt that no Legislative Committees would be needed for the special session. However, when the Judicial Council ruling was made that petitions were to be received, the decision was made to use the Legislative Committees with exactly the same personnel as served at Pittsburgh. The correct list of meeting places and the personnel of each committee is published in the *Handbook*.

6. Offices for the general officers of the Church and a place of meeting for the Judicial Council have been provided. These are also listed in the *Handbook*.

7. The official area of the Conference has been fixed as that portion of the floor of the International Ballroom which has been assigned for seating of elected delegates to this Conference and representatives of Boards including the platform as shown in the printed diagram of the floor as it appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

8. We have provided press tables conveniently located and have arranged that the Commission on Public Information

shall designate which representatives of the press shall be given seats at these tables.

9. We have arranged for seating the active and retired members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church upon the platform during the business sessions of the Conference.

10. A contract has been signed with International Language and Communications Center of Chicago for stenotype recording of all business sessions. Not only will a verbatim record of the sessions be made but also a tape recording will be made and the two records will be checked to make certain of an accurate record of all proceedings.

11. After consultation with the Council of Bishops, it was determined that the Communion offering would be designed to Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

12. After consultation with the Council of Bishops as required in the Rules of Order, invitations were officially extended to fraternal delegates to attend the Conference. Arrangements for the housing of these fraternal delegates have been made and the information concerning them has been turned over to the Standing Administrative Committee on fraternal delegates. These distinguished visitors will be seated on the platform and will be presented to the Conference at an appropriate time.

13. A system of controls of expenditures has been worked out by the Commission so that no General Conference funds are committed unless authorized by one of the officers of the Commission or the chairman of the Finance Committee.

14. At the request of the Television, Radio and Film Commission, arrangements have been made for installing a closed circuit television for the benefit of the press. A similar installation has been made in the Grand Ballroom for the General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. This arrangement makes it possible for the press to follow the proceedings in both Conferences at the same time and will be of great assistance to the press. The press-room and all other arrangements are jointly administered by Methodist Information and TRAFICO.

15. Under the Rules of Order of the General Conference, the planning of the agenda for the first day is the responsibility of Commission on Entertainment and Program. However, since the Agenda Committee that served in 1964 will also serve the Adjourned Session, the Commission has referred the entire agenda including the first day to that Committee.

16. The Methodist Publishing House has generously agreed to provide each delegate with a complimentary copy of the new *Methodist Hymnal*. These hymnals have been

placed on the delegate's tables. The Conference is indebted to Dr. Lovick Pierce, Publisher, and the Publishing House for this service. Because of the great significance of the new hymnals to the entire church, a brief dedicatory service has been planned by the Agenda Committee.

17. A new and very important innovation has been planned by the Coordinating Council for overseas delegates. This is an orientation session on the day before the Conference begins its business. The Commission has cooperated with the Coordinating Council by providing facilities for the orientation meeting. Also, an international section of the Friendship Lounge has been set up where assistance and fellowship can be extended to overseas delegates.

18. Appreciation is expressed to the Rogers Organ Company of Chicago for installing an electric organ in the International Ballroom for the benefit of the Conference.

19. The Commission recommends a per diem allowance of \$16.00 for each delegate for the days said delegate is in attendance at the sessions of the Conference. We further recommend that the allowance for expenses of each accredited fraternal delegate be approved for the entire sessions of the Conference.

20. Sometime during the sessions of the Conference, we will present the persons who have comprised the Local Committee and who have labored long and faithfully to the end that our visit might be pleasant and profitable. As a Commission, we wish to record our gratitude to a large number of men and women without whose help this Conference would not be possible. We have indeed been fortunate that such local leadership has been available to assist us in the myriad of details which are involved in arranging for such a Conference.

21. While we recognize that it is impossible to set the exact time of adjournment at the beginning of the Conference, we must remind the Conference that the original proposal was for only three days. We have been able to schedule the facilities for four and one-half days. It is mandatory that we vacate the facilities not later than noon Saturday, November 12. It is our judgment that the target for adjournment should be Friday night, November 11. This no doubt means that business sessions will be necessary each night except Tuesday when Legislative Committees will be meeting.

Commission on Entertainment
and Program

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*

J. WESLEY HOLE, *Secretary*

1. AGENDA

Committee on Agenda. There shall be a Committee on Agenda.

(a) It shall be composed of nine members, at least four of whom shall be laymen, to be constituted as follows: One from each Jurisdiction, one from overseas, the chairman of the Committee of Chairmen when elected, and the chairman or substitute for the Program Chairman of the Program Committee of the Commission on Entertainment and Program. It shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops at its winter meeting next preceding the meeting of the General Conference from the elected delegates to the General Conference.

(b) The Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of the General Conference at least the day before the opening of the General Conference and shall consult with the Council of Bishops, the Commission on Entertainment and Program and the Secretary of the General Conference concerning pending business.

(c) Following the presentation and adoption of the report of the Commission on Entertainment and Program at the opening session of the General Conference, the Committee on Agenda shall immediately become responsible for helping guide the order of business of the Conference.

(d) To this committee shall be referred all requests for special orders of the day, except those requested in the report of the Commission on Entertainment and Program on the first day of the Conference.

(e) Proposals, questions, communications, resolutions, and other matters not included in the regular business of the General Conference shall be referred to the Committee on Agenda without motion or debate. This committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by the General Conference. Appeal from the decision of this committee may be presented to the Conference upon the written signature of twenty members of the Conference, and the item shall be presented to the Conference if the appeal is supported by a one-third vote.

(f) The Committee on Agenda shall report to each session of the General Conference its recommendations concerning business agenda and time allocations for the various reports and business items, except that at all times the Committee of Chairmen shall determine the order in which legislative committee reports shall be presented.

Committee Personnel and Officers

See Journal page 2408.

REPORT NO. 1. AGENDA COMMITTEE

Paragraphs 1-5 Adopted November 8, 1966. See Journal, page 2577.

Paragraphs 6-9 Adopted as Amended November 9, 1966. See Journal, page 2594.

We recognize that Decision No. 221 of the Judicial Council has made this meeting an Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference; however, we would hope that you would approve the plan for the 1966 General Conference as set forth in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 319, and

adopted by the 1964 General Conference which was the recommendation of your Commission on Entertainment and Program and reads as follows:

"Except for hearing the Progress Report by the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, the sole purpose of the session shall be the reviewing and acting on the questions of church union."

This report was amended by the inclusion of the word "sole" found in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 486, column 3, and page 490, column 3; as so amended and was adopted by the General Conference, *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 491, column 3.

In keeping with the action taken by the 1964 General Conference, your Committee on Agenda makes the following recommendations:

1. That the morning session on Tuesday, November 8, be for the purpose of caring for the necessary formalities in the opening of the General Conference; the hearing of the Episcopal Address; receiving a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Plan of Union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church with the sections of the Plan of Union being referred to the appropriate Legislative Committees in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Reference; receiving the report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations followed by discussion of this report in plenary session.
2. That the order of the day on Tuesday, November 8, be fixed at 12:15 for the dedication of the new *Methodist Hymnal* under the direction of the presiding bishop.
3. The afternoon and evening of Tuesday, November 8, shall be devoted to meetings of the Legislative Committees with the following instructions to the Committees:
 - a. That committees 1 to 9 inclusive meet at 2 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Committees 10-14 meet from 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
That committees 1 to 9 inclusive meet from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.; Committees 10-14 meet from 9 P.M. to 10 P.M.
 - b. That they be prepared to report to the General Conference session of Wednesday, November 9, with recommendations on all sections of the Part I of the Constitution assigned to them.
 - c. That having completed their work on any section of Part I of the Constitution, if any, so assigned, the particular Legislative Committee shall use the

balance of the time available for consideration of the sections of Part IV, Organization and Administration assigned to it, bringing in recommendations regarding such sections.

4. Wednesday, November 9, morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, and Thursday, November 10, morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, shall be plenary sessions of the General Conference, and shall be devoted, first to the consideration of Part I, The Constitution, taking up the provisions seriatim in connection with reports of the Committees, respectively charged with responsibility for review of the various sections and the Enabling Legislation; that all time not required for review of Part I, The Constitution, and the Enabling Legislation, be devoted to considering provisions of Part IV, Organization and Administration; provided that if the Joint Conference Committee on Legislation (hereinafter provided for) shall be prepared to report on matters dealing with items on Part I, The Constitution, other work of the General Conference shall immediately be suspended and the Report of the Joint Conference Committee on Legislation shall be heard and acted upon.
5. An Order of the Day shall be set at the beginning of the General Conference session of Friday, November 11, for a vote on Part I, The Constitution and the Enabling Legislation.
6. Part I, The Constitution and the Enabling Legislation cannot be amended unilaterally by either General Conference and shall be put to the General Conference for final vote in the form presented by the Joint Commissions on Church Union (i.e. Part I, The Constitution, as contained in the Plan of Union distributed April 1, 1966, with amendments contained in the first and second Supplemental Reports of the Joint Commissions, and the Enabling Legislation as presented to the General Conference in Chicago) with only such amendments as have been made in Chicago jointly by the two General Conferences in accordance with the following procedures:
 - a. Neither the Evangelical United Brethren General Conference nor the Methodist General Conference shall have the power unilaterally to amend Part I, The Constitution or the Enabling Legislation.
 - b. If either the Evangelical United Brethren General Conference or the Methodist General Conference shall, by the required vote, propose an amendment to Part I, The Constitution or the Enabling Legisla-

tion, such proposal shall be automatically referred to the Joint Conference Committee on Legislation herein proposed.

- c. Each of the two churches shall appoint a committee, said committees to comprise a Joint Conference Committee on Legislation which shall attempt to reconcile and bring back to their respective Conferences recommended action on any amendments which shall have been proposed by either General Conference. The Methodist Church shall be represented on this Joint Conference Committee on Legislation by the Executive Committee of its Ad Hoc Committee on Church Union plus the Secretary of the General Conference, the Chairman of the Agenda Committee and the Book Editor and two pastors and one layman to be appointed by the president of the Council of Bishops. It is anticipated that this Joint Conference Committee will serve in a manner comparable to the service of joint conference committees in the United States Congress which attempt to reconcile legislation pending in the Senate and in the House of Representatives and bring back to the respective bodies recommendations for action.
- d. Any proposal for amendment referred to the Joint Conference Committee shall be considered by Joint Conference Committee and referred back to the two General Conferences as promptly as possible. Any such proposal for amendment receiving the vote of a majority of the Evangelical United Brethren members, and of a majority of the Methodist members, of the Joint Conference Committee shall be reported back to the two General Conferences by the Joint Conference Committee with recommendation for favorable action.
7. Action on Part I, The Constitution and the Enabling Legislation shall be taken on a single vote, which vote shall be a two-thirds count vote, taken in such a manner as the General Conference shall direct, but the report of the tellers on the result of the vote shall be withheld until the result of the vote by the Evangelical United Brethren General Conference is available and the result of the two votes shall be announced simultaneously to the two General Conferences.
8. Favorable vote on Part I, the Constitution, and the Enabling Legislation having been reported, the General Conference shall then, in the available time, re-

maining, consider the terms of the Plan of Union, Part IV, Organization and Administration as follows:

- a. Neither the Evangelical United Brethren General Conference nor the Methodist General Conference shall have the power unilaterally to amend Part IV, Organization and Administration.
- b. The Methodist members of the Joint Conference Committee shall have the authority to recommend to the Agenda Committee of the General Conference priorities in the considering of suggestions coming from the various Standing Legislative Committees. The General Conference may, by the required vote, propose an amendment to Part IV, Organization and Administration. Any proposal so made shall immediately be referred to the Joint Conference Committee, which shall follow the procedures outlined in paragraph 6c. and 6d. above relating to proposed amendments to Part I, The Constitution and Enabling Legislation.
- c. Before adjournment, Part IV, Organization and Administration, shall be put to the General Conference for vote, in principle, in the form presented by the Joint Commissions on Church Union (i.e. Part IV, Organization and Administration, as contained in the Plan of Union distributed April 1, 1966, as amended by the Joint Commission's Supplemental Report Distributed August 1, 1966, and its Second Supplemental Report) with only such amendments as have been made in Chicago jointly by the two General Conferences in accordance with the procedures outlined above. Adoption "in principle" shall be understood to mean that while Part I, The Constitution and Enabling Legislation will be frozen by the votes taken in the Chicago General Conferences and on that basis will go to annual conferences for "yes" or "no" votes, Part IV, Organization and Administration will remain under study and review by the Joint Commission on Church Union which will take in consideration all suggestions coming from the Standing Legislative Committees of both General Conferences and from annual conferences and other sources. On the basis of this further study and review the Joint Commission will report to the Uniting Conference of 1968 which shall have the authority as provided in the Enabling Legislation to revise and amend. The provisions of the Plan of Union, Part IV, Organiza-

- tion and Administration will not become effective until after adjournment of the Uniting Conference.
9. We urge that all announcements be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. However, these announcements should not be repeated verbally on the floor of Conference.

AGENDA COMMITTEE
J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*
MRS. LOUIS H. FIELD, *Secretary*

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2. CHAIRMEN

Committee of Chairmen. The chairmen of the several standing legislative committees, the chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, the chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program and the Chairman of the Committee on Agenda shall be constituted a Committee of Chairmen, whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of committee reports to the Conference in such order as to expedite the business.

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3. CORRELATION AND EDITORIAL REVISION

Correlation and Editorial Revision. There shall be a committee of three known as the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. This committee shall be composed of three persons not members of the General Conference, appointed by the Council of Bishops. They shall be entitled to travel expense and per diem allowance, the same as the delegates. Two alternates shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops. The function of this committee shall be:

(a) To review all proposed legislation reported in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and that presented in special reports to the General Conference and all legislation enacted by the General Conference. The Committee shall report promptly to the standing committees concerned, or to the General Conference as the situation may warrant, any and all contradictions, duplications, and inconsistencies discovered therein.

(b) To report to the chairmen of the several standing legislative committees all changes it has made in the language of the reports adopted by the General Conference.

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The Commission on Correlation and Editorial Revision was present at the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference but since no changes were made in the 1964 *Discipline*, no formal report is made by the Committee. (See Journal, page 2761.)

4. COURTESIES AND PRIVILEGES

Courtesies and Privileges. There shall be a committee of fourteen, composed of one minister and one layman from each jurisdiction and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

(a) To consider, as presented to it by members of the Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege, to decide whether they are such or not, and if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the Conference that they be heard. (NOTE: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this committee may be presented immediately to the Conference, as provided in Rule 9.)

(b) To prepare, with due regard for brevity, and present to the Conference for its action such complimentary resolutions as occasion may demand.

(c) To arrange for extending courtesies of the Conference to any to whom they may be due, fraternal delegates and official visitors excepted.

(d) To arrange for a memorial service, at some time agreeable to the Conference, for deceased delegates-elect, and for bishops and general officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the last preceding General Conference.

(e) To limit its report, including the statement of the chairman and the hearing of such persons as may be presented, to a maximum of twenty minutes in any one business session. No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

(f) To prepare and publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, contemporaneously with the list of the nominees for election to the Judicial Council, biographical sketches not to exceed 100 words in length for each nominee.

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5. CREDENTIALS

Credentials. There shall be a Committee on Credentials of seven members. To this committee the chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations shall report, on a form provided for that purpose, the names of absent delegates and of available reserve delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to the Conference with recommendations as to the seating of reserves if such are available. No reserve delegates shall be seated except by action of the Conference and after a report has been made upon the case by this committee; provided, that the reserve delegates reported by the chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations as substituted for absentees at the opening session shall be seated tentatively without the action of this committee; and provided, further, that such substitutions shall be reported to this committee for review and report to the General Conference for its action. All changes in the personnel of the seated delegates of the Annual Conference delegations shall be reported to this committee on blanks provided by the Secretary of the Conference. Per diem allowances shall be paid on the basis of the report of this committee.

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REPORT NO. 1. CREDENTIALS

Adopted November 8, 1966. See Journal, page 2570.

Your Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials approves the changes made in the seating of delegates reported by the chairmen of the Annual Conference delegations at roll call, Tuesday, November 8, 1966.

(Key to abbreviations: M—Ministerial; MR—Ministerial Reserve; LR—Lay Reserve. For Jurisdictions: C—Central; NC—North Central; NE—Northeast; SC—South Central; SE—Southeastern; W—Western; OS—Overseas conference.)

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

1. BALTIMORE (NE)

T. R. Bowen (MR) for William E. Smith, for remainder of the Conference.

2. CALIFORNIA-NEVADA (W)

Arthur V. Thurman (MR) for Roy H. Nichols.

Joyce W. Farr (MR) for R. Marvin Stuart.

Wilbur Jacoby (LR) for G. Clifford Pettygrove.

3. CENTRAL ILLINOIS (NC)

Richard E. Deeves (LR) for Elmer Jolly.

4. CENTRAL KANSAS (SC)

Joe Becker (LR) for Robert P. Cook.

5. CENTRAL NEW YORK (NE)
Fred R. Sears (LR) for Phil Stump.
6. CENTRAL TEXAS (SC)
Mrs. Joel Hooper (LR) for Jarrard Secrest.
7. CENTRAL WEST (C)
Mrs. Louis C. Vaughan (LR) for Charles Scott.
8. CHILE (OS) Victor Fierro (LR) for David Gallardo.
9. DETROIT (NC)
Jewell M. Smoot (MR) for *John W. Parrish*.
James Ragland (LR) for Ray Labbitt.
10. EAST WISCONSIN (NC)
Leslie Simon (MR) for *Francis Kearns*.
11. FLORIDA (SE)
Clare M. Cotton (MR) for *E. J. Pendergrass*.
Madison F. Pacetti (LR) for Howard Berg.
12. HOLSTON (SE)
Carroll Long (LR) for Earl W. Blazer.
Robert H. Duncan (MR) for *Earl G. Hunt*.
13. IDAHO (W)
Earl W. Riddle (MR) for *V. Leon Bolen*.
14. INDIANA (NC)
Ralph Hastings (LR) for Mrs. Roy Priest.
Ernest H. Jones (LR) for Glenn Dougherty.
15. KENTUCKY (SE)
Mrs. John W. Holbrook (LR) for Mrs. John A. Creech.
16. LITTLE ROCK (SC)
C. Ray Hozendorf (MR) for *Cecil R. Culver*.
Fred R. Harrison (MR) for *Charles W. Richards*.
Raymond Hillis (LR) for Roland M. Shelton.
17. LOUISIANA (SC)
R. Leonard Cooke (MR) for *William E. Trice*.
Robert J. O'Neal (LR) for H. L. Daughenbaugh.
18. LOUISVILLE (SE)
Albert Hubbard (LR) for Smith Broadbent, Jr.
19. MEMPHIS (SE)
H. Wallace Tanner (LR) for Mrs. R. S. Hamer.
20. MICHIGAN (NC)
Dr. Katherine W. Wilcox (LR) for Donald T. Strong.
Keith Avery (MR) for *Thomas M. Pryor*.
Dwight S. Large (MR) for *Heath T. Goodwin*.
21. MINNESOTA (NC)
Charles R. Sweet (MR) for *Russell H. Huffman*.
George W. Chant (MR) for *Charles E. Pieh*.
22. MISSISSIPPI (SE)
A. Dan Breland, Jr. (LR) for Ben M. Stevens, Sr.

23. MISSOURI EAST (SC)
 Ronald Shipp (LR) for A. Loy Jones.
 Oscar Schupp (LR) for Wade Littrell.
24. MISSOURI WEST (SC)
 Z. Glen Jones (MR) for L. M. Starkey, Jr.
 Paul Frank (LR) for Mrs. W. L. Perryman.
25. MONTANA (W)
 John W. Bartram (MR) for Hugh S. Herbert.
26. NEW ENGLAND (NE)
 John Fisher (LR) for James Fraggos.
27. NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN (NE)
 Morrill O. Martin (MR) for James V. Claypool.
28. NEW HAMPSHIRE (NE)
 Mrs. Howard W. Knight (LR) for James R. Lytle.
29. NEW YORK (NE)
 William M. James (MR) for Lloyd A. Duren.
30. NORTH ALABAMA (SE)
 Paul L. Clem (MR) for J. Henry Chitwood.
 Mrs. Thad Cottingham (LR) for Virgil B. McCain.
 Frank D. Malone (LR) for Joseph H. Owens.
31. NORTH ARKANSAS (SC)
 Virgil D. Keeley (MR) for Lloyd M. Conyers.
 I. Nels Barnett (LR) for Ralph Woodruff.
32. NORTH CAROLINA (SE)
 Mrs. L. C. Vereen (LR) for Robert Rose.
33. NORTH DAKOTA (NC)
 William W. Morrison (MR) for Francis V. Tannehille.
 Raymond Pengra (LR) for Ralph Gunkelman, Jr.
34. NORTH GEORGIA (SE)
 Grady C. Pittard, Jr. (LR) for John W. Whatley.
 T. Jack Lance (LR) for Charles R. Clegg.
35. NORTH INDIANA (NC)
 Robert W. Fribley (MR) for Byron F. Stroh.
36. NORTH IOWA (NC)
 M. Trevor Baskerville (MR) for Fred J. Ackman.
37. NORTH MISSISSIPPI (SE)
 William M. Jones (MR) for H. Ellis Finger.
 Felix Black (LR) for Joe N. Bailey, Jr.
38. NORTH TEXAS (SC)
 Thomas J. Shipp (MR) for J. Daniel Barron.
 M. E. Lee (LR) for Ed Curry.
 Russell Smith (LR) for K. B. Copeland.
 Louis V. Chandler (LR) for Jack V. Folsom.
39. NORTH EAST GERMANY (OS)
 Karl S. Stoetzer (LR) for Harry Schneidreit.
40. NORTHWEST TEXAS (SC)
 Cecil R. Matthews (MR) for J. Chess Lovern.

41. OHIO (NC)
John W. Dickhaut (MR) for *Lance Webb*.
42. OREGON (W)
Raymond E. Balcomb (MR) for *Cortland Cambric*.
Marshall Hjelte (LR) for *Norman Amtower*.
Howard Somers (LR) for *Arthur Fleming*.
43. PACIFIC NORTHWEST (W)
Alfred O. Holte (LR) for *Robert M. Thorpe*.
44. PENINSULA (NE)
John E. French (MR) for *William F. Dunkle*.
George P. Chandler (LR) for *Wilmer F. Davis*.
45. PHILADELPHIA (NE)
Mrs. Robert L. Kerr (LR) for *Mrs. Paul G. Masters*.
46. ROCK RIVER (NC)
Wesley Westerberg (MR) for *Dwight E. Loder*.
Miss Blanche Rutledge (LR) for *Samuel W. Witwer*.
47. SARAWAK
Yu Teck Soi (MR) for *Ivy K. T. Chou*.
48. SOUTH CAROLINA (C)
Warren M. Jenkins (MR) for *James S. Thomas*.
49. SOUTH CAROLINA (SE)
Spencer M. Rice (LR) for *Marion R. Mobley*.
Arthur M. Taylor (LR) for *Roy C. Moore*.
Harry R. Kent (LR) for *John A. White*.
50. SOUTH GEORGIA (SE)
Dan H. Williams (MR) for *Leonard H. Cochran*.
June Norwood (LR) for *Zach S. Henderson*.
51. SOUTH INDIA (OS)
Byrappa Isaiah (MR) for *Narsappa Nehemiah*.
B. James Madhu (LR) for *Lingampalli Jayaprabhu*.
52. SOUTHEAST AFRICA (OS)
Manuel M. Mucambe (MR) for *Escrivao A. Zunguze*.
Mabel P. Michel (LR) for *Bento Navess*.
53. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA (W)
Marion Walker (LR) for *Melvin Gammage*.
Donald Buhler (LR) for *Mrs. Otto J. Wittman*.
54. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (NC)
Vernie T. Barnett (MR) for *Clyde R. Funkhouser*.
55. SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY (NE)
William J. Egan, Jr. (LR) for *Herbert J. Schoellkopf*.
56. SOUTHWEST (C)
Mrs. C. G. Tillmon (LR) for *John S. Cullins*.
57. SOUTHWEST TEXAS (SC)
Darrell D. Gray for *Ennis B. Hill*.
Lawrence K. Brown (MR) for *Sterling F. Wheeler*.
58. TENNESSEE (SE)
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman (LR) for *H. H. Turpen*.
L. Kemper Notgrass (LR) for *George H. Cate, Jr.*

59. TEXAS (C)
L. A. Humphrey (LR) for Thomas W. Cole.
Allen M. Mayes (MR) for *C. M. Luster*.
Robert E. Hayes (MR) for *Luther B. Felder*.
60. TEXAS (SC)
Charles L. Allen (MR) for *Joe Z. Tower*.
Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr. (LR) for R. E. Smith.
61. TROY (NE)
Paul V. Hydon (MR) for *Hobart F. Goewey*.
62. UPPER MISSISSIPPI (C)
Mrs. S. L. Griffin (LR) for Isaac P. Presley.
63. VIRGINIA (SE)
Robert P. Parker (MR) for *Theodore E. Landis*.
Raymon Tamkin (LR) for Dan L. Grantham.
William R. Phelps (LR) for William C. Vaughan.
64. WASHINGTON (C)
James D. Foy (MR) for *Kelly L. Jackson*.
65. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA (SE)
Carl H. King (MR) for *W. Kenneth Goodson*.
Frank B. Jordon (MR) for *Charles P. Bowles*.
Hugh Massie (LR) for Carl B. Hyatt, Jr.
Paul F. Evans (LR) for D. W. Holt.
Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt (LR) for J. Braxton Craven.
66. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA (NE)
Lois R. Anthony (LR) for Leon E. Hickman.
Elbert R. Moses (LR) for George W. Shindledecker.
Jack Shives (LR) for Robert B. Pease.

PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES

67. TAIWAN (OS)
Theodore F. Cole (LR) for Edward K. Knettler.

AFFILIATED AUTONOMOUS CHURCHES

68. AUTONOMOUS METHODIST CHURCH OF BURMA
Frank E. Manton (MR) for *Chan F. Chu*.
Mrs. Frank E. Manton (LR) for John C. Lyall.

REPORT NO. 2. CREDENTIALS

Adopted November 9, 1966. See Journal, page 2593.

1. DETROIT (NC)
Carl R. Ammerman (LR) seated for Harold Karls,
Tuesday, November 8.
2. CENTRAL TEXAS (SC)
Maggart B. Howell (M) seated in place of *Dr. H. Brown Loyd*, morning, November 9.
Bruce Weaver (MR) seated in place of *Wilford V. Bane*, morning, November 9.

3. DETROIT (NC)
John Parrish (M) resumes seat replacing *Jewell M. Smoot*, morning, November 9.
4. EAST WISCONSIN (NC)
Alvin J. Lindgren (M) resumes seat replacing *Stanford Strosahl*.
5. HOLSTON (SE)
Frank Porter (MR) seated for *Edgar Eldridge*, morning, November 9.
6. LOUISIANA (C)
Monroe T. Stringer (LR) seated in place of *George Netterville*, afternoon, Nov. 9.
George Netterville resumes seat, evening session.
7. LOUISIANA (SC)
Luman E. Douglas (MR) for *Carl F. Lueg*, for one-half of morning, November 9.
Carl F. Lueg resumes seat after recess.
8. MICHIGAN (NC)
Donald T. Strong (L) resumes seat replacing *Dr. Katherine Wilcox*.
9. MINNESOTA (NC)
Charles B. Purdham (MR) for *George W. Chant*.
10. NORTH ARKANSAS (SC)
Ira Brumley (MR) seated for *Ethan W. Dodgen* for morning session.
Ethan W. Dodgen resumes seat in afternoon session.
11. NORTH-EAST OHIO (NC)
Theodore Mayer (MR) for *Charles W. Hamilton*, night.
12. NORTHERN NEW JERSEY (NE)
W. Carl Walton (LR) for *Robert W. Carson*, for 9th.
Resumes seat on 10th.
13. OREGON (W)
Arthur Fleming (L) previously absent, seated on morning of 9th.
14. ROCK RIVER (NC)
William Litwiller (LR) seated for *Henry Loeppert*, morning.
15. SOUTH CAROLINA (C)
H. V. Manning (MR) for *J. W. Currey*, morning, afternoon.
16. SOUTH CAROLINA (C)
H. D. Smith (LR) for *R. J. Palmer*, afternoon, night.
17. SOUTH GEORGIA (SE)
F. J. Beverly (MR) for *David A. Duck*, afternoon.
David A. Duck resumed seat for night session.
18. SOUTH IOWA (NC)
C. Dendy Garrett (MR) for *Wilbur Wilcox*, afternoon.

Wilbur Wilcox resumed seat for night session.

Everett H. Staats (MR) for *Arthur V. Long*, afternoon.

Arthur Long resumed seat night session.

19. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (NC)

Clyde R. Funkhouser (M) resumed seat, November 9th.

20. SOUTHWEST TEXAS (SC)

Donald E. Redmond (MR) for *Ted Richardson*, morning.

H. Ellis Thomas (MR) for *J. W. Morgan*, morning.

21. TEXAS (C)

Thomas W. Cole (L) assumed seat November 9.

Correction: *Luther B. Felder* (M) occupied seat on Nov. 8, rather than *R. E. Hayes*.

Robert E. Hayes (MR) seated in place of *C. M. Luster* for remainder of session.

22. WESTERN NEW YORK (NE)

Robert C. Root (MR) for *Dean E. Richardson*.

23. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA (SE)

James C. Stokes (MR) for *Charles D. White*, for remainder of Conference.

REPORT NO. 3. CREDENTIALS

Adopted November 10, 1966. See Journal, page 2665.

1. ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA (SE)

Charles Hildreth (MR) seated for *M. C. Mathison*, November 10.

J. Carlisle Miller (MR) seated for *Edward L. Hardin*, afternoon, Nov. 10; resumes seat night, Nov. 10.

2. BALTIMORE (NE)

Edward B. Lewis (MR) seated for *Asbury Smith*, afternoon, Nov. 9; resumes seat night, Nov. 9.

3. CENTRAL ILLINOIS (NC)

J. Henry Cox (MR) seated for *William W. Bennett*, night, Nov. 9; resumes seat morning, Nov. 10.

Kermit Gregory (MR) seated for *W. Harold Loyd*, afternoon, Nov. 10; resumes seat night, Nov. 10.

4. CENTRAL NEW YORK (NE)

Mrs. William T. Anderson (LR) seated for *Phil D. Stump* (deceased).

5. CENTRAL TEXAS (SC)

Leighton Farrell (MR) seated for *Gaston Foote*, afternoon, Nov. 9.

Wilford Bane (M) resumes seat afternoon, Nov. 9.

Brown Loyd (M) resumes seat afternoon, Nov. 9.

6. CENTRAL WEST (C)

J. Otis Erwin (MR) seated for *W. D. Lester* afternoon and night, Nov. 9.

7. EAST TENNESSEE (C)

George D. Walker (MR) seated for *M. J. Jones*, morning, Nov. 10; resumes seat afternoon, Nov. 10.

8. EAST WISCONSIN (NC)

Clarence Kelley (MR) seated for *Marvin Schilling*, night, Nov. 9; resumes seat morning, Nov. 10.

9. FLORIDA (SE)

Robert C. Holmes (MR) seated for *H. W. Blackburn*, afternoon, Nov. 9.

Robert C. Holmes (MR) seated for *George A. Foster*, night, Nov. 9.

10. GEORGIA (C)

A. C. Epps (MR) seated for *L. Scott Allen*, morning, Nov. 10.

A. M. Carter (LR) seated for *J. P. Brawley*, morning and afternoon, Nov. 10; Brawley resumes seat in evening.

J. D. Grier, Jr. (MR) seated for *L. Scott Allen*, afternoon, Nov. 9.

11. HOLSTON (SE)

Cecil Hardin (MR) seated for *Robert H. Duncan*, afternoon and evening, Nov. 9.

Frank Porter (MR) seated for *Clyde Watkins*, afternoon, Nov. 10.

12. INDIANA (NC)

James W. Keith (MR) seated for *A. James Armstrong*, morning, afternoon, evening, Nov. 9; resumes seat morning Nov. 10.

13. KENTUCKY (SE)

John W. Holbrook (LR) seated for *Mrs. John W. Holbrook*, morning, Nov. 10.

14. LOUISIANA (SC)

J. Henry Bowdon (MR) seated for *William E. Trice*, night, Nov. 9.

R. Leonard Cooke (MR) seated for *William E. Trice*, Nov. 10 and remainder of conf.

15. LOUISIANA (C)

Carl T. Wethers (MR) seated for *William T. Handy, Jr.*, night, Nov. 9; resumes seat morning, Nov. 10.

16. MINNESOTA (NC)

George Chant (MR) seated for *Charles Purdham*, morning, afternoon, night, Nov. 10.

17. MISSISSIPPI (C)

H. C. Clay, Jr. (MR) seated for *Charlemagne P.*

Payne, Sr., morning, Nov. 10; *Charlemagne Payne* resumes seat, afternoon, Nov. 10.

18. MISSOURI EAST (SC)

Russell Lytle (MR) seated for *Wesley H. Hager*, Nov. 10 for remainder of Conference. *Hager* left seat of Conference.

19. NEBRASKA (SC)

Robert Lewis Townsend (MR) seated for *Alva H. Clark*, all day, Nov. 8th.

20. NEW ENGLAND (NE)

Leslie H. Johnson (MR) seated for *James Uhlinger*, morning, Nov. 10.

21. NEW HAMPSHIRE (NE)

Paul Stauffer (MR) seated for *Lewis H. Moulton*, afternoon, Nov. 9; resumes seat night.

22. NEW YORK (NE)

William H. Veale (LR) seated for *George Northrop*, night, Nov. 9th; resumes seat morning, Nov. 10.

Arnold Olson (MR) seated for *William James*, morning, Nov. 10.

William James (MR) resumes seat, afternoon, Nov. 10 for remainder of Conf.

23. NORTH ARKANSAS (SC)

Ira A. Brumley (MR) seated for *John A. Bayliss*, afternoon and night, Nov. 8; resumes seat Nov. 9.

24. NORTH CAROLINA (C)

Richard C. Erwin (LR) seated for *Clarence Winchester*, night, Nov. 10.

Clarence Winchester resumes seat Nov. 11.

25. NORTH INDIANA (NC)

Robert J. Yunker (MR) seated for *Thurman B. Morris*, afternoon, Nov. 10.

26. NORTH IOWA (NC)

Ralph Kitterman (MR) seated for *J. Richard Palmer*, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat morning, Nov. 11.

27. NORTH-EAST OHIO (NC)

Theodore C. Mayer (MR) seated for *Russell H. Hoy*, morning, Nov. 10.

Charles Hamilton (M) resumes seat morning, Nov. 10.

Russell Hoy (M) resumes seat afternoon, Nov. 10.

28. OHIO (NC)

Paul Chiles (MR) seated for *J. Otis Young*, morning, Nov. 10.

Sydney C. G. Everson (MR) seated for *Donald R. Yocom*, night, Nov. 10, for remainder of Conf.

29. OKLAHOMA (SC)

D. D. Etchieson (MR) seated for *Finis A. Crutchfield*, afternoon, Nov. 9.

- D. D. Etchieson* (MR) seated for *Nuell C. Crain*, night, Nov. 9.
W. Jene Miller (MR) seated for *Nuell C. Crain*, morning, Nov. 10.
W. Jene Miller (MR) seated for *Therman Harris*, morning, Nov. 10; *Therman Harris* resumes seat, afternoon, Nov. 10.
Dewey Etchieson (MR) seated for *Howard Davis*, morning, Nov. 10.
Howard Davis resumes seat afternoon, Nov. 10.
30. PACIFIC JAPANESE PROVISIONAL (W)
James K. Sasaki (MR) seated for *Paul H. Hagiya*, morning, Nov. 9.
Hagiya resumes seat in afternoon, Nov. 9.
31. PENINSULA (NE)
Harry Appleby (LR) seated for *George Chandler*, night, Nov. 9.
George Chandler resumes seat morning, Nov. 10.
32. PHILADELPHIA (NE)
Ralph G. Lambert (LR) seated for *J. Lee Bausher*, night, Nov. 10.
33. ROCK RIVER (NC)
William White (MR) seated for *Edsel Ammons*, night, Nov. 9; resumes seat Nov. 10.
Robert Mulligan (MR) seated for *Wesley Westerberg*, night, Nov. 9; *Westerberg* resumes seat Nov. 10.
William Rasche (MR) seated for *Frank L. Countryman*, night, Nov. 9; *Countryman* resumes seat Nov. 10.
Henry Loeppert (L) resumes seat, morning, Nov. 9th.
Donald A. Tripp (LR) seated for *Arthur L. Myers*, night, Nov. 10. *Myers* resumes seat night, Nov. 10.
Gilbert A. Weisshaar (MR) seated for *Carleton Rogers*, night, Nov. 10; *Carleton Rogers* resumes seat Nov. 11.
Dow Kirkpatrick (MR) seated for *Wesley Westerberg*, night, Nov. 10; *Westerberg* resumes seat Nov. 11.
Wesley M. Westerberg (MR) resumes seat, morning, Nov. 9.
Frank L. Countryman resumes seat evening, Nov. 9.
Edsel A. Ammons resumes seat, morning, Nov. 10.
34. SOUTH CAROLINA (C)
B. C. Stewart (MR) seated for *J. W. Curry*, afternoon, Nov. 10.
T. H. Fisher (MR) seated for *Warren M. Jenkins*, afternoon, Nov. 10.

- B. J. Cooper* (MR) seated for *Warren M. Jenkins*, morning, Nov. 10.
H. V. Manning (MR) seated for *Warren M. Jenkins*, morning, Nov. 11.
35. SOUTH GEORGIA (SE)
F. J. Beverly, Jr. (MR) seated for *Dan H. Williams*, morning, Nov. 10.
Dan H. Williams resumes seat, afternoon, Nov. 10.
Walter A. Blasingame (LR) seated for *W. E. Bostwick*, afternoon, Nov. 8,
W. E. Bostwick resumes seat, night, Nov. 8.
Walter A. Blasingame (LR) seated for *June Norwood*, night, Nov. 8.
June Norwood resumes seat, morning, Nov. 9.
36. SOUTH IOWA (NC)
Everett H. Staats (MR) seated for *Paul M. Hann*, afternoon, Nov. 10; *Paul Hann* resumes seat night, Nov. 10.
37. VIRGINIA (SE)
J. Manning Potts (MR) seated for *Edgar A. Potts*, night, Nov. 9. *Edgar A. Potts* resumes seat, morning, Nov. 10.
38. WASHINGTON (C)
Edward G. Carroll (MR) seated for *J. B. A. Dyson*, morning, Nov. 9.
J. B. A. Dyson resumes seat, afternoon, Nov. 9.
Roscoe C. Williams (MR) seated for *Kelly L. Jackson*, morning, Nov. 9.
Kelly L. Jackson resumes seat, night, Nov. 9.
39. WEST TEXAS (C)
W. Astor Kirk (LR) seated for *John T. King*, night, Nov. 9. *John T. King* resumes seat, afternoon, Nov. 10.
Ernest T. Dixon, Jr. (M) resumes seat night, Nov. 10.
40. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA (SE)
A. Glenn Lackey (MR) seated for *J. H. Carper*, morning, Nov. 10.
J. H. Carper resumes seat afternoon, Nov. 10.
R. H. Nicholson (MR) seated for *C. G. Hefner*, morning, November 10.
C. G. Hefner resumes seat, afternoon, Nov. 10.
41. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA (NE)
H. Clair Heitzenrater (MR) seated for *Arthur M. Crawford*, afternoon, Nov. 9.
Arthur Crawford resumes seat, night, Nov. 9.
David J. Wynne (MR) seated for *John B. Warman*, night, Nov. 9.
John B. Warman resumes seat, morning, Nov. 10.

42. WYOMING (NE)

Ralph L. Newing (LR) seated for Harry M. Gordon, night, Nov. 9.

REPORT NO. 4. CREDENTIALS

Adopted November 11, 1966. See Journal, page 2746.

1. ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA (SE)

J. Carlisle Miller (MR) seated for *Joel D. McDavid*, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat morning, Nov. 11.

M. C. Mathison (M) resumes seat night, Nov. 10.

Ralph R. Hendricks (MR) seated for *Paul A. Duffey*, afternoon, Nov. 10; resumes seat night, Nov. 10.

2. CENTRAL ALABAMA (C)

J. F. Norwood (MR) seated for *J. E. Lowery*, afternoon, Nov. 10; resumes seat night, Nov. 10.

3. CENTRAL ILLINOIS (NC)

Clifford C. Brown (MR) seated for *Joseph H. Albrecht*, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat, morning, Nov. 11.

Jack B. North (MR) seated for *Leslie C. Archer*, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat morning, Nov. 11.

Frank H. Nestler (MR) seated for *H. Russell Coulter*, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat morning, Nov. 11.

Maynard Rigg (LR) seated for *Lloyd Bertholf*, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat morning, Nov. 11.

4. CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA (NE)

John B. Howes (MR) seated for *Edgar A. Henry*, afternoon, Nov. 11.

Edgar R. Baker (LR) seated for *Robert E. Knupp*, afternoon, Nov. 11.

5. KANSAS (SC)

Judd H. Jones (MR) seated for *A. F. Bramble*, Nov. 11.

6. KENTUCKY (SE)

Donald W. Durham (MR) seated for *Edward L. Tullis*, Nov. 11.

7. LOUISIANA (C)

W. S. P. Norris (MR) seated for *W. T. Handy, Jr.*, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat morning, Nov. 11.

8. LOUISIANA (SC)

L. E. Douglas (MR) seated for *D. E. Jackson*, morning, Nov. 10.

J. H. Bowdon (MR) seated for *D. E. Jackson*, afternoon, Nov. 10.

9. MINNESOTA (NC)

Edward S. Martin (MR) seated for *George A. Butters*, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat morning, Nov. 11.

10. MISSOURI WEST (SC)
 Robert Mayfield (LR) seated for George Seiberling,
 night, Nov. 10; and Nov. 11.
 Clarence Folkins (MR) seated for Robert Arbaugh,
 morning, Nov. 9.
11. NEBRASKA (SC)
 Robert L. Townsend (MR) seated for James Chubb,
 afternoon, Nov. 11.
12. NORTH-EAST OHIO (NC)
 J. G. Eardly (LR) seated for Wayne Cox, afternoon,
 Nov. 11.
13. OHIO (NC)
 Harry F. Baker (MR) seated for Donald R. Yocom,
 afternoon, Nov. 11.
14. ROCK RIVER (NC)
 Dow Kirkpatrick (MR) seated for Wesley West-
 berg, night, Nov. 10; resumes seat, Nov. 11.
 Donald A. Tripp (LR) seated for Arthur Myers,
 afternoon, Nov. 10; resumes seat night, Nov. 10.
15. SOUTH CAROLINA (C)
 Hubert V. Manning (MR) seated for Warren M.
 Jenkins, Nov. 11.
16. SOUTH GEORGIA (SE)
 J. F. Beverly (MR) seated for J. Frederick Wilson,
 Nov. 11.
17. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (NC)
 Walter A. Smith (MR) seated for Clyde R. Funk-
 houser, afternoon, Nov. 11.
18. TEXAS (SC)
 Harry V. Rankin (MR) seated for Stewart Clen-
 denin, morning, Nov. 11; resumes seat afternoon,
 Nov. 11.
19. VIRGINIA (SE)
 Hampden H. Smith (MR) seated for Theodore E.
 Landis, afternoon, Nov. 10.
 Robert P. Parker (MR) seated for Theodore E.
 Landis, night, Nov. 10.
 Charles O. Kidd (MR) seated for Harold Hughes,
 morning, Nov. 10; resumes seat afternoon, Nov. 10.
20. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA (NE)
 David J. Wynne (MR) seated for A. P. Weaver, after-
 noon, Nov. 10; resumes seat night, Nov. 10.
 H. Clair Heitzenrater (MR) seated for Arthur B.
 Colley, afternoon, Nov. 10; resumes seat night,
 Nov. 10.
21. WEST TEXAS (C)
 J. J. Seabrook (MR) seated for Ernest T. Dixon,
 afternoon, Nov. 10.

6. FRATERNAL DELEGATES

Fraternal Delegates. There shall be a Committee on Fraternal Delegates of eight members seven of whom shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops from the regularly elected delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the Council of Bishops immediately preceding the General Conference and the Chairman of the sub-Committee on Fraternal Delegates of the Commission on Entertainment and Program. The Council of Bishops shall designate a temporary chairman of the committee, who shall call the committee to meet at the seat of the General Conference at least one full day prior to the opening of the Conference. To this committee shall be referred all communications, credentials, and information in the hands of the Secretary or the Council of Bishops relating to fraternal delegates and official visitors.

The function of the committee shall be to extend the courtesies of the Conference to the fraternal delegates and official visitors and present them to the General Conference. The terms "fraternal delegates" and "official visitors" shall be interpreted to include only persons who have been duly elected by the Christian communions of which they are respectively members, to represent the same before the General Conference, who present the appropriate credentials of such elections, and who have been invited through the Commission on Entertainment and Program, after consultation with the Council of Bishops.

In so far as possible the committee shall plan the presentation of such fraternal delegates and official visitors during the first two days of the General Conference.

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7. JOURNAL

Journal. There shall be a committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary, comparing it with the stenographic record, and report its findings to the Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the Conference for correction.

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8. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. There shall be a Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of eight members. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an ex-officio member and one of the eight. To this committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. (See Rule 40.) To it may be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of the General Conference.

This committee shall serve as an Interim Committee between sessions of the General Conference and shall restudy the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and, after making such needed changes and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to the General Conference for consideration and final action, same to be published in the Journal of the General Conference.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as published in the Journal of the preceding General Conference until they have been altered or modified by the action of The General Conference. (See *Discipline*, ¶ 508.)

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Since the 1966 General Conference was an Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference, this Committee did not function and therefore made no report.

9. PRESIDING OFFICERS

The presiding officers for the several sessions of the Conference, the opening session excepted (see div. I above), shall be chosen from among the effective bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by the Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one minister and one layman from each jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing the Annual Conferences outside the United States. The Committee on Presiding Officers shall establish a continuing pool of five names of bishops from which group the presiding officer shall be selected by the committee. Each bishop shall be given reasonable notice of his selection for this pool, but subsequently he shall be available for assignment as presiding officer at any session. The committee shall be free to continue a bishop for more than one session, if in its judgment the parliamentary situation requires this continuity of chairmanship.

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REPORT NO. 1. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted November 9, 1966. See Journal, page 2593.

"The Committee on Presiding Officers has selected to preside the entire morning session, Bishop Paul E. Martin; for the entire afternoon session, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley; and for the evening session, Bishop John Wesley Lord."

DENNIS FLETCHER, *Chairman*
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted November 10, 1966. See Journal, page 2676.

"The presiding bishop for this morning is Bishop W. Angie Smith; the presiding bishop for this afternoon is Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr.; the presiding bishop for the entire evening session is Bishop Gerald Kennedy."

DENNIS FLETCHER, *Chairman*
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted November 11, 1966. See Journal, page 2746.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee who served so faithfully on selecting the presiding officers, and also express on behalf of the Committee our appreciation to the Bishops who have agreed to preside.

I discovered some of them did not like the idea of presiding

and insisted that they not be requested, and in those cases, we have respected their request.

I'd like to announce the presiding officer for this morning is Bishop Roy H. Short, and I understand there is some hope that we may adjourn this morning. And, if we do not adjourn this morning, then I will announce the presiding officer for the remainder of the day.

DENNIS FLETCHER, *Chairman*
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*

10. REFERENCE

Reference. There shall be a Committee on Reference composed of one ministerial and one lay representative from each jurisdiction, at least two of whom shall be lawyers, and one minister and one layman from Annual Conferences outside the United States, to be appointed by the Council of Bishops from the regularly elected delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops preceding the session of the General Conference. This committee shall be convened by the Secretary of the General Conference prior to and at the seat of the General Conference. After ascertaining that the memorials, resolutions, and similar communications dealing with the regular business of the Conference meet the requirements herein specified, this committee shall refer the same to the appropriate standing administrative or legislative committees. This committee shall be responsible for such assignment of all petitions which may be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening session, including the Episcopal Address, the book of printed Quadrennial Reports, and all other communications which shall come into his hands after the convening of the General Conference. (Par. 510 of the *Discipline* provides that petitions shall be in the hands of the Secretary not later than thirty days before the opening of the Conference session; provided, however, the Secretary shall accept up to the opening day petitions from overseas and from conferences meeting within thirty days before the General Conference.)

The Committee on Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a committee, either upon a request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author, or authors, thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to the Conference if desired. The committee shall publish as promptly as possible in the *Daily Christian Advocate* lists of the communications it has referred to the several standing committees, identifying each by number, title, origin, and destination. No petition shall be assigned by the Committee on Reference to any General Conference committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

All petitions should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject, and so far as possible, only one chapter in the *Discipline*. Not more than one petition should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

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REPORT NO. 1. REFERENCE

Adopted by the Committee November 7, 1966

M, 14; P, 12; F, 12; A, 0; N, 0

The following petitions have been received by the Committee on Reference and have been referred to the proper General Conference Legislative Committees. The following information is given for each petition: official serial number; subject of petition; and the name of the petitioner.

PARTS OF THE PLAN OF UNION RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION

- AA. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1-3, 14, 17, 62-64, Part II. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Ad Hoc Committee.
- A-1. Plan of Union, Part II. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Christian Social Concerns.
- A-2. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 5-9, 10-13, 19, 20-24, 25-28, 34-44, 45. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Conferences.
- A-3. Plan of Union, Paragraph 4. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.
- A-4. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 15, 29-33, 48-57. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on the Ministry.
- A-5. Plan of Union, Paragraph 18. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Publishing Interests.
- A-6. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 16, 58-61. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Judicial Administration, Enabling Acts and Forms.
- A-7. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 46-7. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on the Local Church.

PARTS OF THE PLAN OF UNION RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- B-1. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1351-1376. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Christian Social Concerns.
- B-2. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 501-582. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Conferences.
- B-3. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1075-1191. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Education.
- B-4. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 701-724, 751-840, 1061-1065, 1251-1323, 1462-1483, 1501, 1601-1654. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.
- B-5. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1221-1237. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Membership and Evangelism.
- B-6. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 301-382, 1455-6. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on the Ministry.
- B-7. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 951-1053. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Missions.
- B-8. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1551-1560. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Pensions.
- B-9. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 851-902. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Publishing Interests.
- B-10. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1401-1422. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Hospitals and Homes.
- B-11. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1457, 1502-6. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Interdenominational Relations and Activities.
- B-12. Plan for Union, Paragraphs 1701-1819. Ad Hoc Committee,

Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Judicial Administration.

B-13. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 101-203, 725-733. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on the Local Church.

B-14. Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1451-1454. Ad Hoc Committee, Charles C. Parlin, Secy. Referred to Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship.

PETITIONS NUMBERS 1-19, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

1. Approve Union of Methodist and E.U.B. Churches. Ecumenical Relations Committee, Rock River Conference; Rev. William G. Johnson, Secy.
2. Approve Union of Methodist and E.U.B. Churches. Official Board, University Methodist Church; Mrs. Ed Noble, Secy. Las Cruces, N. Mex.
3. Approve Union of Methodist and E.U.B. Churches. Dulaney Barrett, Las Cruces, N. Mex., New Mexico Conference.
4. Approve Union of Methodist and E.U.B. Churches. East Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.
5. Name for Union of Methodist and E.U.B. Churches. W. Z. Fidler, Lay Delegate General Conference, 1966. North Iowa Conference.
6. Name for Union of Methodist and E.U.B. Churches. Official Board, Grace Methodist Church, Neoga, Ill. Mrs. Wm. Harold Price, Chairman.
7. Name of United Methodist-E.U.B. Churches. Newell P. Knudson, Los Banos, Calif., California-Nevada Conference.
8. Retain the name "The Methodist Church." Southern California-Arizona Conference, James K. Sasaki, Conference Secy.
9. Preserve the Present Names in Other Countries. Southern California-Arizona Conference, James K. Sasaki, Secy.
10. Increase in Membership of the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B. Union. General Conference Delegation, California-Nevada Conference. Frank Webber, Chairman.
11. Membership of Merger—Negotiation Agency. Ecumenical Relations Committee, Rock River Conference; William G. Johnson, Secy.
12. Continue Ad Hoc Committee. Indiana Area Delegation; J. Kenneth Forbes, Chairman.
13. Preface to the Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church and the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. General Conference Delegation, California-Nevada Conference; Frank Webber, Chairman.
14. Identification of the General Rules of The Methodist Church as an Historical Statement. General Conference Delegation, California-Nevada Conference; Frank Webber, Chairman.
15. Revise Articles of Religion. E. Reginald Craig; Member, First Methodist Church, Salem, Oreg.
16. Revise Articles of Religion. E. Reginald Craig; Member, First Methodist Church, Salem, Oreg.
17. First Article of Religion. E. Reginald Craig; Member, First Methodist Church, Salem, Oreg.
18. Prepare a Single Confession of Faith. Southern California-Arizona Conference; James K. Sasaki, Secy.
19. Confession of Faith of The United Methodist Church. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.

**PETITIONS NUMBERED 20-28, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL
CONCERNS**

20. Board of Christian Social Concerns—Changes in Plan of Union. General Board of Christian Social Concerns; A. Dudley Ward, General Secy.
21. Oppose Statements of General Board of Christian Social Concerns. Official Board, First Methodist Church, Irving, Texas; Harry E. Spencer, Jr., Chairman.
22. Repudiate Action of Board of Christian Social Concerns. Official Board, Watkins Memorial Methodist Church; Louisville, Ky. James W. Meeker, Chairman.
23. Consolidate Statements of Social Principles. Southern California-Arizona Conference; James K. Sasaki, Secy.
24. Addition to the Social Creed. Allen Lambert, Joseph, Oregon; Member, Oregon Conference.
25. Request Congress to Stop Advertising and Promotion of Tobacco. Ray P. Doubt, Bellingham, Wash., Member, United Church of Ferndale.
26. Protesting Alcoholism. Mrs. C. C. Pruett, Orlando, Fla.; Member, Orlando Methodist Church.
27. Advertising and Promotion of Tobacco. Ray Doubt; Member, United Church of Ferndale, Bellingham, Wash.
28. Methodist Work in Urban Area. Kathy Phillips Circle, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Jefferson Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Roy Robberson, Chairman, Special Petition Committee.

**PETITIONS NUMBERED 29-61, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN RE-
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES**

29. Disproportionate Representation. Southern California-Arizona Conference; James K. Sasaki, Secy.
30. To Reduce from Twelve Years to Four the Period of Adjustment in the New Church. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
31. To Reduce from Twelve Years to Four the Period of Adjustment in the New Church. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
32. To Reduce the Period of Double Representation of the Evangelical United Brethren Group in the First Twelve Years. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
33. Delete Proposed Twelve Year Rule. Southern California-Arizona Conference; James K. Sasaki, Secy.
34. Elimination of Overlapping of Boundaries of Annual Conferences. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
35. Elimination of Overlapping of Boundaries of Annual Conferences. Herbert Stotts, et al., New England Conference.
36. Eliminate Segregated Structures. David Steffenson; Rocky Mountain Conference.
37. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Board of Christian Social Concerns, Northern New Jersey Conference; Robert E. Grant, President.
38. Limit Powers of Jurisdictional Conferences. Southern California-Arizona Conference; James K. Sasaki, Secy.
39. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Ecumenical Relations Committee, Rock River Conference; William G. Johnson, Secy.
40. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Delegates, Southeastern Regional Briefing Conference; Rev. J. Robert Regan, Jr., et al.
41. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Inter-District Committee,

- San Antonio Districts, Southwest Texas Conference and West Texas Conference; Robert S. Mosby and W. A. Schaefer, Co-Chairmen.
42. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Lee H. Ball; New York Conference.
 43. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Board of Christian Social Concerns, New York Conference; Ralph W. Mueckenheim, Secy.
 44. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Executive Committee, Board of Christian Social Concerns, Central Kansas Conference; Harold E. Kieler, Chairman.
 45. Elimination of Segregated Structures. Central District, California-Nevada Annual Conference; Newell P. Knudson, Secy.
 46. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Task Force, Methodist Church and Race, Detroit Conference; J. Russell Bright, Chairman.
 47. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Preachers' Meeting, San Antonio District, Southwest Texas Conference; Russell C. Moon, Secy.
 48. Elimination of Segregated Structures. Official Board, Salem Methodist Church, New York Conference; Earle Gibson, Secy.
 49. Eliminate Segregated Structures. Board of Christian Social Concerns, Detroit Conference; James W. Bristah, Director.
 50. Elimination of Segregated Structures. Official Board, Suffern Methodist Church, Suffern, New York; Robert E. Grant, Pastor.
 51. Dissolution of Central Jurisdiction. Leonard D. Slutz; Member, Hyde Park Community Methodist Church, Ohio Annual Conference.
 52. Change in Number of Jurisdictional Conferences. Leonard D. Slutz; Member, Hyde Park Community Methodist Church, Ohio Annual Conference.
 53. Authority of Jurisdictional Conference in Electing a Bishop. Leonard D. Slutz; Hyde Park Community Methodist Church, Ohio Conference.
 54. Transfer of Churches from one Annual Conference to Another. Leonard D. Slutz; Member, Hyde Park Community Methodist Church, Ohio Conference.
 55. Frequency of General Conference. John J. Shaffer; Central Illinois Conference.
 56. General Conference to Meet Every Two Years. Leonard D. Slutz; Member, Hyde Park Community Methodist Church, Ohio Conference.
 57. Conferences—Ecumenize Uniformly. Roger F. Winchester; Member, Foothills Methodist Church, La Mesa, Calif.
 58. Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild a Voting Member of Annual Conference. Wesleyan Service Guild, North Alabama Conference; Mrs. Charles Johnson, Recording Secy.
 59. Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild a Voting Member of Annual Conference. Woman's Society of Christian Service, North Alabama Conference; Mrs. E. Tiffin, Recording Secy.
 60. Allow Lay Members of Annual Conferences to Vote on Ministerial Affairs. Sarawak Iban Provisional Annual Conference; Robert Lundy, Presiding Bishop.
 61. Lay Membership in Annual Conferences. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference; Fred A. Rarden, Secy.

PETITIONS NUMBERED 62-64, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

62. Commission on Worship to be Represented on Interboard

- Council. General Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
63. Composition of Curriculum Committee, Board of Education. General Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
64. God and Country Award. I. Melville Wohrley; North-East Ohio Conference.

PETITIONS NUMBERED 65-72, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

65. Retain Conference Historical Societies. Southwest Texas Conference Historical Society.
66. Retain Conference Historical Societies. Memphis Conference Historical Society; Cecil A. Baker, Chairman.
67. Retain Conference Historical Societies. Historical Society, Western Pennsylvania Conference; W. Guy Smeltzer, President.
68. Retain Conference Historical Societies. Ohio Conference Historical Committee; Waid C. Radford, Past Chairman.
69. Retention of Conference Historical Societies. Baltimore Conference Historical Society; Edwin Schnell, Executive Secy.
70. Retain Annual Conference Historical Societies. Executive Committee or Executive Council, Mississippi Conference Historical Society; J. A. Lindsey.
71. Name Oak Island Methodist Church an Historical Shrine. Southwest Texas Conference Historical Society.
72. Composition of Annual Conferences Commission on Christian Vocations. Jurisdiction Secretaries Missionary Personnel; Josephine Gay Capelton, et al.

PETITION NUMBERED 73 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

73. Change "District Superintendent" to "Presiding Elder." Charles R. Britt; Member, Alabama-West Florida Conference.

PETITIONS NUMBERED 74-81, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

74. Establishment of Ministers' Salaries. William B. Hitchens, New Castle, Delaware; Peninsula Conference.
75. Help in Equalization of Pensions, etc. North Georgia Conference; Nat G. Long.
76. Financial Support of Commission on Worship. General Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
77. Conference Commission on Worship. General Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
78. Commission on Worship to be Represented on Joint Committee on Architecture. General Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
79. Commission on Worship to be represented in Council of Secretaries. General Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
80. Official Symbol or Seal. Donald W. Rossman; Member, Ohio Annual Conference.
81. Committee to Study Structure of The Methodist Church. Board of Missions, Methodist Church; Mrs. Porter Brown, General Secy.

**PETITIONS NUMBERED 82-101, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY**

82. Status of Approved Supply Pastors in Mergers of Denominations. Jack D. Stutler, Approved Supply Pastor, Gallopolis, Ohio.
83. Remedy Unfairness to Approved Supply Pastors. West Virginia Conference; Virgil H. Ware, Secy.
84. Remedy Unfairness to Approved Supply Pastors. Supply Pastors' Association of West Virginia; G. W. Prine, Chairman.
85. Local Elders to Vote on Plan of Union. Supply Pastors' Association, Southern Illinois Conference; Victor P. Herman, President.
86. Voting Rights for All Pastors. Robert B. McIntyre; Rochester, N. Y.
87. Voting Rights for Approved Supply Pastors. Robert B. McIntyre, Rochester, N. Y.
88. Voting Rights for Approved Supply Pastors. Official Board, Orrington Corner Methodist Church, Orrington, Maine; Ernest L. Larson, Chairman.
89. Annual Conference Vote for Approved Supply Pastors. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
90. Conference Membership for Approved Supply Pastors. Clarence A. Knott, Marriottsville Methodist Charge.
91. Full Ministerial Privileges for Ordained Elders. Supply Pastors' Association, Southern Illinois Conference; Victor P. Herman, President.
92. Resources for Testing Seminarians. Baltimore Annual Conference, Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications; Stanford J. Harris, Secy.
93. Continuing Ministerial Education. Special Study Committee, College of Christian Life, Illinois Area; W. A. Warner.
94. Qualifications for License to Preach. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference; Fred A. Rarden, Secy.
95. Ordained Elders to Administer Sacraments. Clarence A. Knott; Pastor, Marriottsville Methodist Charge.
96. Ministerial Orders. Mack B. Stokes; Holston Conference.
97. To Place the Mode of Selection of District Superintendents in the Power of the General Conference. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
98. Method of Selecting District Superintendents. David Steffen-son; Member, Rocky Mountain Conf.
99. To Restore the Legislation on the Tenure of Bishops to the General Conference. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
100. Tenure of Bishops. Russell E. Clay et al., Southern California-Arizona Conference.
101. Quota for Election of Bishops. Leonard D. Slutz; Member, Hyde Park Community Methodist Church, Ohio Conference.

**PETITIONS NUMBERED 102-103, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION**

102. Change Name of Woman's Society of Christian Service. W.S.C.S., Munsey Memorial Methodist Church, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Joe Green, President.
103. Eliminate Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Robert Davis; Robinson, Ill.

PETITIONS NUMBERED 104-105, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

104. Pensions of Lay Employees of a Bishop. Delfin L. Lardizabal, Baguio City, Philippines; Member, The Methodist Church, Baguio City, Philippines.
105. Pensions of Secretary of Bishop. Delfin L. Lardizabal, Baguio City, Philippines; Member, the Methodist Church, Baguio City, Philippines.

PETITIONS NUMBERED 106-107, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS AND HOMES

106. Change Name of Board of Hospitals and Homes. Board of Hospitals and Homes; Fred G. Holloway, President.
107. Change Name of Board of Hospitals and Homes; Fred G. Holloway, President.

PETITIONS NUMBERED 108-111, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

108. Consultation on Church Union. Ecumenical Relations Committee, Rock River Conference; William G. Johnson, Secy.
109. Consultation on Church Union Negotiations. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
110. Commission on Ecumenical Affairs. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
111. Continue and Enlarge Union Procedure. Southern California-Arizona Conference; James K. Sasaki, Secy.

PETITIONS NUMBERED 112-121, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

112. Definition of Local Congregation. North-East Ohio Conference; J. Meade Letts, Secy.
113. Commissions on Stewardship and Finance. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference; Fred A. Rarden, Secy.
114. Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference; Fred A. Rarden, Secy.
115. Make First Quarterly Conferences Optional. Quarterly Conference, Story Country, Boone District, South Iowa Conference; Carl E. Wilson, District Superintendent.
116. Commission on Christian Social Concerns. Pacific Northwest Conference; Fred A. Rarden, Secy.
117. Commission on Worship in Local Church. Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
118. Commission on Worship in Local Church. Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
119. Commission on Worship in Local Church. Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
120. Authority of Pastor for Ordering Public Worship. General Commission on Worship; W. F. Dunkle, Jr., Secy.
121. Provision of Parsonage for Ministers. Parsonage Committee, Gatch Memorial Methodist Church; Katherine B. Boden.

PETITION NUMBER 122 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

122. The Unity of the Church. Allen Lambert; Oregon Conference.

**PETITIONS NUMBERED 123-127, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RITUALS AND ORDERS OF
WORSHIP**

123. Reference to Confirmation in Ritual. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference; Fred A. Rarden, Secy.
124. Deletion from Apostles' Creed and Other Rituals. E. Reginald Craig; Member, First Methodist Church, Salem, Ore.
125. Protest Use of the Words "Drink Wine" in Hymn No. 330. Official Board, Methodist Church, Chinook, Mont. Deborah Sedgwich, Secy.
126. Revision of the Liturgy "Burial of the Dead." Allen Lambert; Member, Oregon Conference.
127. Wording of Lord's Prayer. Merl G. Palmer, Hope, Kans.; Member, Methodist Church, Hope, Kans.

11. TELLERS

Tellers. There shall be a committee of sixty, to act as tellers for the purpose of reporting on count votes and ballots ordered by the General Conference. The tellers shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have reserve tellers. The Secretary of the General Conference shall appoint tellers and reserve tellers whose names shall be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

For Complete List of Tellers

See Journal, page 2403.

The only time a count vote was called for was on Friday, November 11, 1966. For this vote Group A of Tellers was used under the direction of Calvin Pinkard. (See Journal, page 2767.)

ATTENTION

IMPORTANT

REPORTS OF STANDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

All proposed deletions of Paragraphs in the 1964 *Discipline* are set forth in the Standing Legislative Committee Reports in *italic style type*.

All changes in legislation proposed in Committee meetings and adopted by the separate Standing Legislative Committees for presentation to The General Conference for its consideration of and action on are set forth in the Reports in **Bold Face Type, Capitals and lower case**.

All amendments to the Reports, proposed by any Member of The General Conference and accepted by the Chairman of the respective Standing Legislative Committees, no objection being raised by any Member of the Committee or by any Member of The General Conference, appear in the Reports in **BOLD FACE TYPE, CAPITALS**.

All amendments to the Reports proposed by any member of The General Conference and adopted by the General Conference appear in **BOLD FACE TYPE, CAPITALS**.

Editor.

NO. 1. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2411.)

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REPORT NO. 1. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

M, 101; P, 60; F, 60; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: SOCIAL CREED

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-1

Calendar No. 86. Adopted Nov. 9, 1966, See Journal, page 2642.

As the starting point for drafting a revised Social Creed for The United Methodist Church, we approve the use of the present Methodist Social Creed and the Evangelical United Brethren Statement On Standards of Moral Conduct, together with the "Preface" in the supplementary report on the Plan of Union.

HAROLD A. BOSLEY, *Chairman*
JOHN R. VAN SICKLE, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

M, 101; P, 66; F, 65; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: SOCIAL CONCERNS LEGISLATION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, B-1, 0020

Calendar No. 87. Adopted November 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2706.

We recommend the changes suggested in the petitions be given our approval, as amended, and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee that will be perfecting this section of the *Discipline* for The United Methodist Church.

SUGGESTED CHANGES IN PLAN OF UNION FOR
USE OF AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Par. 1351, 2. Purpose, second par. to read: "It shall seek to bring the whole life of man, its activities, possessions, and community and world relationships into conformity with the will of God."

Par. 1352, Page 265, line 4, to read: "The Board shall speak to the church and to the world its convictions. . . ."

Par. 1353, beginning line 10 to end of par. to read beginning "and provided, further" ". . . three young persons, one of whom shall be a member of the council of the National Conference of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, and one representing the United Methodist Student Movement—elected by the Board on nomination of the Joint Staff of Youth and Student Work, which shall have selected the nominees as provided in 1361.3; nine members at large elected by the Board on nomination of the executive committee which shall in turn receive nominations from the divisions. In addition, the Board shall take account of the number of members of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church elected to the Board from the jurisdictions and, in order to provide that at least seven persons including one youth from the former Evangelical United Brethren Church are included in the membership of the Board, may elect up to seven additional members at large upon nomination by the Executive Committee. In addition there shall be three liaison members without vote from the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, one of whom shall be the chairman of the Section of Christian Social Relations and one of whom shall be a member of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. In order that there may be an established liaison relationship with certain other boards of the church, there shall be eight liaison members with privilege of the floor, but without vote: two persons named from the Board of Missions, one each from the World and National Divisions; three by the Board of Education, one from each of its divisions; one by the Board of Evangelism; one by the Board of Lay Activities; and one by the Board of Hospitals and Homes. No member of the Board shall be a salaried officer thereof."

Par. 1357, Page 266, line 1 to read: "A Nominating Committee of *six* members shall be constituted."

Par. 1360, Page 267, last sentence of Sec. 2 to read: "Funds vested in any of the predecessor Boards shall be conserved for the specific purposes for which such funds have been given."

Par. 1361, page 267, line 2, to read: "The Board shall be organized into three divisions: the Division of General Wel-

fare, the Division of World Peace, and the Division of Human Relations.”

Par. 1364, page 267, to read: “The Board shall elect quadrennially a general secretary, three associate secretaries, and a staff treasurer on nomination of the executive committee. Other staff personnel shall be approved by the executive committee of the Board on nomination of the president and the general secretary. The executive board may, at its discretion, assign this responsibility to the executive committee of a division. The salaries and duties of all employees of the Board shall be fixed by the Board. In the first election of staff of the quadrennium 1968-1972 one of the elected staff shall be from the former Evangelical United Brethren Church.”

Par. 1365, page 268, section 2, to read: “Under the supervision of the general secretary there shall be a staff treasurer who shall have charge of the financial operations of the Board, property management, the service department, purchasing and such other duties assigned by the Board. The Board may elect such other staff persons as it deems necessary.”

Par. 1366, section 2, to read: “In the operation of this office the Division of *World Peace* shall represent the Board. . . .”

Par. 1367, Page 269 first sentence under 3, to read: “To enlist United Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages and to temperate living, a Sunday in November shall be observed each year as *Commitment Day*, to be promoted in every church with the assistance by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns for that purpose.”

Par. 1368, Sec. 1, line 5, Omit “*foreign aid*.” and substitute “international economic development.”

Par. 1369, section 1, P. 269, to read: “It shall be the responsibility of the Division of Human Relations to conduct a program of research, education, and action centering around the following Christian social concerns: race relations; extremist movements; civil liberties; application of democratic principles related to voting; public policy on education; church and state relations; labor-management relations; agriculture; conservation; government and private economic policy and practice; technological and social change; employment; poverty; urbanization; housing, and such other concerns as the Board may specify. The general policies shall be established by the division, subject to the approval of the Board.”

*Taken from Par. 1537—*The General Conference of 1964 adopted in principle and referred to the General Board of*

Christian Social Concerns for implementation, a resolution to create for the 1964-68 quadrennium a Commission to study Church-State relations, to continue the study begun during the previous quadrennium and report to the legislative Committee on Christian Social Concerns of the General Conference of 1968.

Par. 1370, P. 270, line 2, to read: "It shall work with the Coordinating Council in all matters relating to the development and promotion of program. . . ."

Par. 1374, P. 271, section 3, first two sentences, to read: "The Board shall estimate annually the amount necessary for the support of its work and report this amount according to the procedure established by the district and the annual conference. The work of the Board may be considered a benevolence. . . ."

Par. 1374, sec. 4, P. 271, to read: "The annual conference may employ a person or persons to further the purposes of the Board of Social Concerns."

HAROLD A. BOSLEY, *Chairman*

JOHN R. VAN SICKLE, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

M, 101; P, 66; F, 65; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: SOCIAL CREED

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 0023, 0024

Calendar No. 88. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2706.

We recommend that the Joint Commission on Union create a special joint committee to write a revised Social Creed to consider for adoption in 1968.

HAROLD A. BOSLEY, *Chairman*

JOHN R. VAN SICKLE, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

M, 101; P, 66; F, 66; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS

Adopted by the Committee, Non-concurrence, November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 0021, 0022, 0025, 0026, 0027, 0028.

Calendar No. 89. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2706.

HAROLD A. BOSLEY, *Chairman*

JOHN R. VAN SICKLE, *Secretary*

NO. 2. CONFERENCES

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2413.)

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REPORT NO. 1. CONFERENCES

M, 106; P, 88; F, 82; A, 0; N, 6

SUBJECT: SECTION III FINANCIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS—PAGES 770-773 DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER, OR NUMBERS (Referred Nov. 7).

Calendar No. 14. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2710.

The Committee approved the Section entitled "III Financial Report and Recommendations" of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations which begins on Page 770 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and ends on Page 773 with the following amendments:

1. In the first column on Page 771 at the end of the first full paragraph add the following:

"We wish to make it clear that we are not suggesting that a \$40.00 pension rate or any other rate should be the maximum paid by a merged conference for past service in the Central Jurisdiction. We are only fixing that level as the portion of such pension which may be considered in the distribution of temporary general and fund assistance to conferences hereafter merged."

2. The "Alternate Pension Rate" of \$40.00 set forth in the second column on Page 772 was adopted.

3. Amend "B. Part 2—Pension Assistance," page 772 of *Daily Christian Advocate* by deleting from lines 2 and 3 the words, "has heretofore committed itself to" and from line 5 the words "continue to," and in line 3 by deleting the word "pay" and substituting therefore the word "pays."

4. The adoption of Section entitled "Salary Aid" would modify Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance to the 1964 General Conference as set forth on Page 407 of the 1964 *Daily Christian Advocate* as indicated in the Recommended Legislation Page 773 of the 1966 *Daily Christian Advocate*.

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. CONFERENCES

M, 106; P, 86; F, 78; A, 2; N, 6

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY OF JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE IN
ELECTING A BISHOP

Adopted by the Committee As Amended Nov. 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 53

Calendar No. 15. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2711.

Recommended a paragraph be added to Paragraph 523 of the *Discipline* to read as follows: "5. Provided the transfer of all conferences of the Central Jurisdiction to the regional jurisdictions and the dissolution of the Central Jurisdiction, under amendment IX, has been determined by the requisite vote of the annual conferences of the jurisdictions involved, the Central Jurisdictional Conference in a special session shall be authorized to fill any vacancy in the College of Bishops of that Jurisdiction."

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. CONFERENCES

M, 106;	P	F	A	N
Para. 5- 9	86	82	4	0
10-13	81	81	0	0
19	58	57	0	1
20-24	57	47	7	3
25-28	48	48	0	0
34-45	50	49	0	1

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION (CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS)

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-2

Calendar No. 16. Adopted Nov. 9, 1966, See Journal, pages 2649, 2652, 2655, 2657, 2659.

Above paragraph of Plan of Union approved as amended

by Supplemental and Second Supplemental Report of Joint Committee subject to changes as follows: Amend the Plan of Union, as amended by the Joint Committee as follows:

(1) Page 8, changing the period at the end of paragraph 11 to a comma and adding **"Unless the General Conference by a 2/3 vote shall determine that other business may be transacted."**

(2) Page 9, amend Para. 13, item 6, by substituting the words **"Hymnal and Ritual"** for the words **"Hymnals and Rituals."**

(3) Page 11, amend Paragraph 24, Article V, 4 by designating said paragraph as **"4 (a)"** and adding the following:

"b. There shall be no annual conference based on any ground other than regional or geographical division after the first quadrennium following union, provided that this provision shall not apply to the Rio Grande Annual Conference or the Indian Mission Conference without its consent, nor to conferences formerly of the Evangelical United Brethren Church during the first three quadrenniums after union."

(Note: Count vote on (3) as follows: 31 for, 28 against, 3 not voting.)

(4) Page 12, amend Paragraph 28, Sub-paragraph 5, line 2 by inserting after the word **"boundaries"** the words **"Including such changes and adaptations of the General Discipline"** to read as follows:

"5. To make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries including such changes and adaptations of the General Discipline as the conditions in the respective areas may require, subject to the powers that have been and shall be vested in the General Conference.

(5) Page 12, insert after Paragraph 28, subparagraph 5, the following:

"6. To appoint a judicial count to determine legal questions arising on the rules, regulations, and such revised, adopted, or new sections of the Central Conference Discipline enacted by the Central Conference."

Paragraph **"6"** is to be renumbered as **"7."**

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. CONFERENCES

M, 106; P, 58; F, 57; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: REDUCE FROM 12 YEARS TO 4 THE PERIOD OF
ADJUSTMENT

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35

*Calendar No. 17. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2711.*

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 5. CONFERENCES

M, 106; P, 51; F, 51; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF SEGREGATED STRUCTURES

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44,
45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.

*Calendar No. 18. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2711.*

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 6. CONFERENCES

M, 106; P, 45; F, 44; A, 1; N, 0

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CHURCHES, MERGER, VOTING IN
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 101.

*Calendar No. 19. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2711.*

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 7. CONFERENCES

M, 106; P, 45; F, 43; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN JURISDICTIONS; DISPROPORTIONATE
REPRESENTATIVE

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 38, 51, 52.

Calendar No. 20. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2711.

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 8. CONFERENCES

M, 106; P, 44; F, 41; A, 3; N, 0

SUBJECT: FREQUENCY OF MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 55 and 56.

Calendar No. 21. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2711.

Committee concurs and recommends referral to Coordinating Council for study and report in 1968.

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 9. CONFERENCES

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARS. 501-582

PETITON SERIAL NUMBER B-2

Calendar No. 22. Referred to Ad Hoc Committee Nov. 10, 1966. See Journal, page 2707.

The committee did not take action due to lack of time.

D. TRIGG JAMES, *Chairman*
FLOYD H. COFFMAN, *Secretary*

NO. 3. EDUCATION

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2415.)

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REPORT NO. 1. EDUCATION

M, 107; P, 75; F, 75; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PART IV, PARAGRAPH 1075-1191

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-3

Calendar No. 23. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2711.

Action: Concurrence in principle, with following exceptions: Paragraphs 1105, 1109.1, 1153.

Consideration of these exceptions follows in succeeding committee reports.

WILLIS M. TATE, *Chairman*
D. FREDERICK WERTZ, *Secretary*
Pro tempore

REPORT NO. 2. EDUCATION

M, 107; P, 69; F, 69; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CAMPUS MINISTRY

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-3

Calendar No. 24. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2712.

Proposed Changes in the Plan of Union

Report to the General Conferences November, 1966

Paragraph 1105. In the first sentence delete, "There shall be a governing body for the campus ministry in every college community where the United Methodist Church is at work, as follows:" and insert "The United Methodist Church

in each local campus situation shall seek to unify its ministry with others in ecumenical organization, program and procedure. There shall be a governing body for each as follows:"

Paragraph 1105 as amended will read: "Paragraph 1105. The United Methodist Church in each local campus situation shall seek to unify its ministry with others in ecumenical organization, program and procedure. There shall be a governing body for each as follows:

"1. For each Wesley Foundation and interdenominational campus ministry related to The United Methodist Church there shall be a Board of Directors.

"2. The division shall encourage each United Methodist-related college or university to establish a Committee on Campus Religious Life, which may serve also as a Campus-Church Relations Committee, and to state qualifications and define duties of the committee in consultation with the division.

"3. For each other institution there shall be a Campus-Church Relations Committee nominated by a local United Methodist body and elected by the conference board of education."

Action: Referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B. Union for study and perfection, to be reported to the Uniting Conference in 1968.

WILLIS M. TATE, *Chairman*

D. FREDERICK WERTZ, *Secretary*

Pro tempore

REPORT NO. 3. EDUCATION

M, 107; P, 69; F, 69; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: THE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-3

Calendar No. 25. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2712.

Paragraph 1109.1. Delete all of section one: "There shall be a National Conference of the United Methodist Student Movement, with appropriate representation from the United Campus Christian Fellowship for the purpose of fellowship, evaluation, and program planning in areas that relate to the campus ministry. It shall be composed of the presidents of state or similar geographical regions, the United Methodist Student Movement delegates to the National Student Christian Federation, eleven representative students at large, a campus minister or director from each of the seven regions,

the staff of the Department of Campus Ministry, student members of the general boards and other agencies, and the staff responsible for the campus ministry of other general agencies." Substitute for section one as follows: "The University Christian Movement is recognized as the appropriate expression of the Intercollegiate Christian Movement in which Methodists participate on the National level. All structures of the Intercollegiate Christian Movement shall be developed ecumenically as soon as possible and determined in consultation with the University Christian Movement rather than on previous denominational and geographical lines."

Paragraph 1109.1 as amended will read: "The University Christian Movement is recognized as the appropriate expression of the Intercollegiate Christian Movement in which Methodists participate on the national level. All structures of the Intercollegiate Christian Movement shall be developed ecumenically as soon as possible and determined in consultation with the University Christian Movement rather than on previous denominational and geographic lines."

Action: Recommend referral to the Ad Hoc Committee for study and perfection, to be reported to the Uniting Conference in 1968.

WILLIS M. TATE, *Chairman*
D. FREDERICK WERTZ, *Secretary*
Pro tempore

REPORT NO. 4. EDUCATION

M, 107; P, 75; F, 73; A, 1; N, 1

SUBJECT: DIVISION OF CURRICULUM

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-3

Calendar No. 26. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2712.

Paragraph 1153. Delete the words "a Division of Curriculum" in line 1 and substitute "an Editorial Division" so that the first line of Paragraph 1153, as amended, will read:

"There shall be an Editorial Division . . . etc." (See page 228 of the Plan of Union).

An alternate proposal would be as follows: Paragraph 1153. Add the word "resources" following the words "Division of Curriculum."

Paragraph 1153, as amended, will read: "Paragraph 1153. There shall be a Division of Curriculum resources," etc. (See page 228).

Action: Referral to the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B.

Union for study and perfection, to be reported to the Uniting Conference in 1968.

WILLIS M. TATE, *Chairman*
D. FREDERICK WERTZ, *Secretary*
Pro tempore

REPORT NO. 5. EDUCATION

M, 107; P, 72; F, 72; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0.

Calendar No. 27. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2712.

Paragraph 897, Insert the words "and service" following the words "the promotional" in line 1.

Paragraph 897 as amended will read: "Paragraph 897. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the promotional and service materials of the Division of Higher Education or of the Division of the Local Church."

Action: Committee recommends referral to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

WILLIS M. TATE, *Chairman*
D. FREDERICK WERTZ, *Secretary*
Pro tempore

REPORT NO. 6. EDUCATION

M, 107; P, 83; F, 83; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON WORSHIP TO BE REPRESENTED ON INTERBOARD COUNCIL

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0062

Calendar No. 28. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2712.

Action: Committee recommends referral to the Interboard Committee on the Local Church for study and perfection, to be reported to the Uniting Conference in 1968.

WILLIS M. TATE, *Chairman*
D. FREDERICK WERTZ, *Secretary*
Pro tempore

REPORT NO. 7. EDUCATION

M, 107; P, 83; F, 82; A, 0; N, 1

**SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE,
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0063

*Calendar No. 29. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2713.*

Action: Committee recommends referral to the General Board of Education for study and perfection to be reported to the Uniting Conference in 1968.

WILLIS M. TATE, *Chairman*

D. FREDERICK WERTZ, *Secretary*
Pro tempore

REPORT NO. 8. EDUCATION

M, 107; P, 83; F, 81; A, 2; N, 0

SUBJECT: GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0064

*Calendar No. 30. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2713.*

Committee recommends: Non-concurrence.

WILLIS M. TATE, *Chairman*

D. FREDERICK WERTZ, *Secretary*
Pro tempore

NO. 4. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2418.)

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REPORT NO. 1. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 121; P, 83; F, 77; A, 0; N, 6

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARAGRAPH 4

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-3

Calendar No. 93. Adopted Nov. 9, 1966, See Journal, page 2661.

The committee recommends that Article IV, Part I, Title to Properties as presented on page 7 the Plan of Union, 1966 be approved.

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 121; P, 88; F, 79; A, 4; N, 5

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARAGRAPHS 701-724, 751-840,
1061-1065, 1251-1323, 1462-1483, 1501, 1601-1654

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-4

Calendar No. 94. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2716.

The committee recommends referral to the Ad Hoc Committee, as the same is constituted or may be reconstituted by this General Conference for further consideration and revision, with the understanding that each Council, Commis-

sion, General Board or Agency of the Church, involved in these particular sections, review the sections for which they have responsibility for the purpose of making suggested changes and revisions. Any revisions or changes as may be suggested shall be submitted by the Council, Commission, General Board or Agency to the Ad Hoc Committee on or before six months from the date of adjournment of this General Conference, or by such date thereafter as may be suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee, in order that such changes and revisions may be fully and timely considered by the Ad Hoc Committee in drafting legislation for presentation to the 1968 General Conference. With this understanding, the Committee recommends referral to the Ad Hoc Committee.

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 121; P, 78; F, 51; A, 0; N, 27

SUBJECT: RETAIN CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 0065, 0066, 0067, 0068, 0069, 0070.

Calendar No. 95. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2717.

These petitions are identical.

The committee recommends that Paragraph 1482, Part IV in the Plan of Union be amended by the addition of the words: "or an historical society to be appointed and/or elected in whatever manner the conference may decide" and in the third sentence after the word "commission" add "or society" and delete the words "if so directed by the conference" so that this paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

"Paragraph 1482. In each annual conference there shall be an Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History or an historical society to be appointed and/or elected in whatever manner the conference may decide. If a commission, the number of members and their term of office shall be as the conference may determine. It shall be the duty of the commission or society to cooperate with and report, when requested, to the General and Jurisdictional Commissions on Archives and History, to preserve the records of the annual conference, to collect and preserve data relating to the organization and history of the conference, to maintain an historical and archival depository and to see

that all current items which obviously will have value for future history are preserved therein, to assist the bishop or the conference Program Committee in planning for the historical hour at Annual Conference sessions, and to encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their records and compiling their histories."

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

**REPORT NO. 4. LAY ACTIVITIES AND
TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

M, 121; P, 88; F, 86; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: NAME OAK ISLAND METHODIST CHURCH AN
HISTORICAL SHRINE

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0071

*Calendar No. 96. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2717.*

Resolved that request for declaring Oak Island Methodist Church in the Southwest Texas Conference to be a national shrine is hereby referred to the Executive Committee of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies for research and recommendation to the 1968 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

**REPORT NO. 5. LAY ACTIVITIES AND
TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

M, 121; P, 82; F, 74; A, 8; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0072

*Calendar No. 97. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2717.*

The committee recommends that Paragraph 675 of the 1964 *Discipline* be amended by the addition of the words: "the secretary of missionary personnel of the jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service if residing within the bounds of the annual conference" so that the paragraph as amended reads as follows:

"Paragraph 675. In each annual Conference there shall be a Commission on Christian Vocations, composed of: A representative of the Cabinet; the executive secretary of the

Conference Board of Education; the conference directors of youth work and of adult work; the chairmen or another member of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications; the secretary of missionary personnel of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; the secretary of missionary personnel of the jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service if residing within the bounds of the annual conference; one representative each from the Conference Boards of Hospitals and Homes, Missions, Lay Activities, Evangelism, Education, and Christian Social Concerns; one representative each from the Conference Deaconess Board and the state or regional Methodist Student movement; one youth not over twenty-one years of age; and the district secretaries of Christian Vocations (Paragraph 696). The Cabinet or the commission may appoint other members when advisable. The agency representatives shall be responsible for representing Christian vocations in their respective organizations."

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 6. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 121; P, 86; F, 82; A, 1; N, 3

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF MINISTERS' SALARIES

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0074

Calendar No. 98. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2717.

The committee recommends that this proposal for establishment of ministerial salaries by the General Church be referred to the Council on World Service and Finance.

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 7. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 121; P, 88; F, 84; A, 2; N, 2

SUBJECT: HELP IN EQUALIZATION OF PENSIONS, ETC.

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0075

Calendar No. 99. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2718.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. This subject is being cared for by other church groups.

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

**REPORT NO. 8. LAY ACTIVITIES AND
TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

M, 121; P, ; F, ; A, ; N,

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF COMMISSION ON WORSHIP

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 0076, 0077, 0078.

*Calendar No. 100. Not voted on because withdrawn by
maker of petitions, Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2718.*

These petitions withdrawn by their maker.

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

**REPORT NO. 9. LAY ACTIVITIES AND
TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

M, 121; P, 85; F, 83; A, 2; N, 0

**SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON WORSHIP TO BE REPRESENTED
ON COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0079

*Calendar No. 101. Referred to Ad Hoc Committee, Nov. 11,
1966, See Journal, page 2718.*

In Par. 1593 of the 1964 *Discipline*, after "World Methodist Council of Secretaries" in the first sentence, add the words "and the Commission on Worship."

Then it shall read: "There shall be a Council of Secretaries whose membership shall consist of the chief executive of the following agencies: one from . . . and the Commission on Worship."

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

**REPORT NO. 10. LAY ACTIVITIES AND
TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

M, 121; P, 88; F, 79; A, 5; N, 4

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL SYMBOL OR SEAL

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0080

*Calendar No. 102. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2718.*

The committee recommends referral to Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

**REPORT NO. 11. LAY ACTIVITIES AND
TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

M, 121; P, 86; F, 82; A, 1; N, 3

**SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO STUDY STRUCTURE OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0081

*Calendar No. 103. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2718.*

The committee recommends referral to Coordinating
Council.

CLARE N. PETTIT, *Secretary*

NO. 5. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2420.)

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REPORT NO. 1. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 56; F, 50; A, 6; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPH 111—ADMISSION
INTO CHURCH

*Adopted by the Committee Nov. 8, 1966, Amended, then
Moved Concurrence*

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 52. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends: Amend Paragraph 111 by adding the words, "**confirm them,**" after the word, "vows," in the next to the last line. The last part of the last sentence will then read . . . "he shall bring them before the congregation, administer the vows, **confirm them** and receive them into the fellowship of the church, and duly enroll them as members."

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*

MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 61; F, 57; A, 1; N, 3

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPH 120—CHILDREN
AND THE CHURCH

*Adopted by the Committee Nov. 8, 1966, Amended, then
Moved Concurrence*

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 53. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends: Amending Paragraph 120
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by adding, in line 5, after the word, "families," each of the two times it appears, the words, "**or at their own request.**"

Then the amended clauses will read: "transfer with their families, **or at their own request**, to another United Methodist Church; transfer with their families, **or at their own request**, to a church of another evangelical denomination;" The rest of Paragraph 120 is to remain unchanged.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 62; F, 54; A, 3; N, 5

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION PARAGRAPH 121 CHILDREN AND
THE CHURCH

*Adopted by the Committee Nov. 8, 1966, Amended, then
Concurred*

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 54. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends: Amending Paragraph 121, as follows: Amend the second sentence by deleting "of" after the word "classes," and substituting therefore the words, "**in preparation for confirmation and for.**"

This sentence will then read: "The pastor shall, at least annually organize the children who have arrived at the age of decision into classes **in preparation for confirmation and for** instruction for church membership, using materials produced by The United Methodist Church."

Also, amend the third sentence by adding, in the last line, after "may be" the words, "**confirmed and,**" so that the last clause will read:

"they may be **confirmed and** received into full membership in the church."

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 57; F, 55; A, 2; N, 0

SUBJECT: PARAGRAPH 129. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 55. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends: Amending Paragraph 129

by adding in line 5 after "practice" the word "**tithing.**"

The second sentence of this paragraph will then read: "In recognition of God's ownership, he should practice **tithing**, systematic and proportionate giving. (Mal. 3:8-12; I Cor. 16:2)."

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 5. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 56; F, 55; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: PARAGRAPH 130. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 56. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The committee recommends: Amending Paragraph 130 by deleting the first sentence (the entire first line), which is negative. Let the rest of paragraph, which is positive, stand.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 6. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 55; F, 54; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION PARAGRAPH 140. CARE OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 57. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee recommends: Amending by making certain the symbolism denoting section of this paragraph is understood:

In Paragraph 140.2, in the last line, change the symbolism to read "**by the procedure**" of 140.5.

Do likewise in Paragraph 140.3, and also in Paragraph 140.5, in each place where the symbolism occurs.

Amend also by adding to Paragraph 140.5 at its very end, that which concludes Paragraph 127.5 in the Methodist *Discipline* (which was the source of Paragraph 140.5).

The last sentence of Paragraph 140.5 will then read: "The membership of the person shall thereby be terminated, and the record thereof shall be retained: *provided that at his*

request he may be restored to membership by recommendation of the pastor: and *provided* further, that should a transfer of his membership be requested, the pastor may restore him to membership for this purpose and issue the Certificate of Transfer."

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 7. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION PARAGRAPH 1210

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 58. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee recommends: Amending Paragraph 1210 by adding, in the first line of the last paragraph, after "the board," the words "**at the direction of the Board.**"

This paragraph-sentence will then read: "The general secretary, the treasurer, and the president of the Board, **at the direction of the Board**, shall have power to execute on behalf of the Board legal papers such as conveyances of real estate, releases or mortgages, transfers of securities, contracts, and all other legal documents."

The rest of Paragraph 1210 is to remain unchanged.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 8. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION PARAGRAPH 1216. EVANGELISTS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 59. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee recommends: Amending the last sentence of Paragraph 1216 by substituting "**ministers**" for "men" and "**shall**" for "should."

This sentence then will read: "Only **ministers** who feel so called and who meet the standards **shall** be considered eligible for appointment as conference evangelists."

Doing this, women ministers will not be ruled out.

The remainder of Paragraph 1216 is to remain unchanged.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 9. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPH 1223. MEMBERSHIP
OF CONFERENCE BOARD

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 60. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The committee recommends: Amending Paragraph 1223 by changing the eleventh line. Do this by adding, after "members," the words "**not less than**" and by deleting the words "ministers and one half." That sentence will then read:

"If the conference desires, its nominating committee may nominate additional members, **not less than** one half of whom shall be laymen; *provided* that no salaried officer, employee or one receiving remuneration from the Board shall be a member thereof."

The remainder of Paragraph 1223 is to be unchanged.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 10. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 56; F, 56; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—THE NAME, "COMMISSION ON
MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM"

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 61. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends: Reference to the Continuing Committee and to the editors of the *Discipline* the necessity of making the name of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism consistent.

It is desired that the name be retained as the **Commission on Membership and Evangelism**. That there be no uncertainty about the fact that the local church Commission on Membership and Evangelism is charged with the important

responsibility of being concerned with membership. The name of the commission should imply this.

The first time the name occurs is in Paragraph 139 on the "Care of Church Members" where it carries the name of Commission on Membership and Evangelism, and then in Paragraph 140 where it appears four times, and also once in Paragraph 147.

"Commission on Membership and Evangelism"

The full name, would need to be spelled out in Paragraphs 171, 172, 173, and 1235—and possibly other places.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 11. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 55; F, 55; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPH 110. CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP

*Adopted by the Committee Nov. 8, 1966; Referred Back to
Continuing Committee*

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 62. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends references of Paragraph to the Continuing Committee. The paragraph could be strengthened by adding "church attendance" and "prayer," since it follows closely the Membership Vows.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 12. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 50; F, 50; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPH 172

*Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966; Referred Back
to Continuing Committee*

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 63. Adopted, Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends reference of paragraph 172 in the light of the references to this Paragraph made in Paragraphs 1227 and 1233. It is desired that the groupings of the six duties referred to be put into this Paragraph 172. It is hoped and urged that these duties will be spelled out

almost as fully and specifically as they are in Paragraph 222 of *The Methodist Discipline*.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 13. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 52; F, 51; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPH 335.15a. DUTIES OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 64. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee recommends reference of Paragraph 335.15a. Refer this one-line section back to the Continuing Committee with the recommendation that it be expanded in line with Paragraph 1201 which outlines a wider aim of evangelism.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 14. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 49; F, 45; A, 0; N, 4

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPHS 725 THROUGH 730. COUNCIL ON LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAM

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 65. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The committee recommends: reference to the Continuing Committee of Paragraphs 725 through 730. It was felt that the Council of Local Church Program is very much parallel to the duties of the present Coordinating Council and that overlapping is undesirable.

Refer these paragraphs back to the Committee for further study in the desire for simplification by assigning the functions listed therein to a sub-section of the Coordinating Council.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 15. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 48; F, 46; A, 2; N, 0

**SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPHS 731, 732, AND 733.
JURISDICTIONAL, ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND LOCAL CHURCH
PROGRAM COUNCIL**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 66. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends reference to the Continuing Committee.

It is hoped that the Continuing Committee will consider these Paragraphs along with Paragraphs 725-730, in an effort to obtain less organization rather than more, and to avoid apparent overlapping with the duties of the Coordinating Council.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*

MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 16. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 46; F, 45; A, 0; N, 1

**SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPH 1206. MEMBERSHIP
OF GENERAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

*Adopted by the Committee Nov. 8, 1966—Referred Back to
Continuing Committee*

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 67. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends reference to the Continuing Committee for the purpose of describing correctly the representative of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, that the terminology may be corrected.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*

MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 17. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPHS 1227 AND 1233

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 68. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee recommends reference to the Continuing Committee.

These Paragraphs refer to "groupings" listed in Paragraph 172. These groupings are not listed in Paragraph 172. The Committee would like for these Paragraphs actually to stand as they now are, and for the groupings to be put in Paragraph 172—hopefully by putting in Paragraph 172 that which is in Paragraph 222 in *The Methodist Discipline*.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 18. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—PARAGRAPH 1228. EVANGELISTS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 69. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee recommends reference to the Continuing Committee that study might be given to "the conference superintendent" mentioned in Paragraph 1228.2, as it relates to The United Methodist Church.

Also, we suggest a cross reference to Paragraph 200 after "a lay speaker in good standing" in the third line from the bottom of the Paragraph.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 19. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 52; F, 52; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—THE PASTORAL CHARGE,
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ADMISSION INTO THE CHURCH

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 70. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraphs 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 114, 115, and 116 of the Plan of Union.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 20. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 55; F, 50; A, 4; N, 1

**SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—GENERAL ROLL OF MILITARY
SERVICE PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 71. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraph 113 of the Plan of Union.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 21. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 59; F, 58; A, 0; N, 1

**SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—CHILDREN AND THE CHURCH:
YOUTH**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 72. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraphs 117, 118, 119, 122, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, and 131 of the Plan of Union.

REPORT NO. 22. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 58; F, 58; A, 0; N, 0

**SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—AFFILIATE AND ASSOCIATE
MEMBERSHIP**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 73. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraph 123 of the Plan of Union.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 23. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 55; F, 55; A, 0; N, 0

**SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—TRANSFER AND TERMINATION
OF MEMBERSHIP**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 74. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraphs 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 and 138 of the Plan of Union.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 24. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 56; F, 56; A, 0; N, 0

**SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—CARE OF CHURCH MEMBERS,
MEMBERSHIP GROUPS, TASK GROUPS**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 75. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraphs 112, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, and 147 of the Plan of Union.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 25. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 50; F, 50; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

*Calendar No. 76. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2719.*

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraphs 171, 173 and 174 of the Plan of Union.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*
MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 26. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 53; F, 52; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECTS: PLAN OF UNION—DUTIES OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, THE CHARGE CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE TREASURER—TREASURER OF CONFERENCE, BOARD OF EVANGELISM, MEMBERSHIP OF INTERBOARD COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 77. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraphs 335-15-B, 572, 819, 823, and 1032.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*

MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 27. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 78. Adopted, Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee moves:

Concurrence in principle on Paragraphs: 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1218, 1219, and 1220 of the Plan of Union.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*

MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 28. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 82; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION—JURISDICTIONAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM, ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF EVANGELISM, DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM, DISTRICT SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM, MINISTER OF EVANGELISM, THE UPPER ROOM

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-5

Calendar No. 79. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2719.

The Committee moves concurrence in principle on Paragraphs: 1221, 1222, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1234, 1236 and 1237 of the Plan of Union.

TRUMAN W. POTTER, *Chairman*

MRS. EDWIN A. INGHAM, *Secretary*

NO. 6. MINISTRY

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2422.)

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REPORT NO. 1. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 92; F, 92; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: RESTRICTIVE RULES, EPISCOPACY AND ITINERANT
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-4

Calendar No. 7. Adopted as Amended, Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, pages 2678, 2679, 2682, 2684, 2688.

The Committee recommends concurrence in Paragraphs 15 (91 aye; 1 nay) ; 29-33; 48-52; 54, 55, 57, of the Plan of Union, Part I.

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 92; F, 92; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS, 1455-56

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-6

Calendar No. 8. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2720.

Adopted—The Committee recommends concurrence in paragraphs 301-382; 1455, 1456 of the Plan of Union, Part IV.

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*
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REPORT NO. 3. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 92; F, 81; A, 11; N, 0

SUBJECT: PARAGRAPH 56, ART. IX—CONSTITUTION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-4

Calendar No. 9. Adopted as Amended, Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2688.

The Committee recommends concurrence, but with a change of wording for better sentence structure.

The paragraph which reads "In each Annual Conference there shall be one or more district superintendents appointed by the bishop in the administration of the Annual Conference and shall have such responsibilities and term of office as the General Conference may determine."

Should be amended to read:

"In each Annual Conference there shall be one or more district superintendents. **THEY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BISHOP AND** shall assist the bishop in the administration of the Annual Conference and shall have such responsibilities and term of office as the General Conference may determine."

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 84; F, 51; A, 33; N, 0

SUBJECT: PARAGRAPH 53, ARTICLE VI

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-4

Calendar No. 10. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2693.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*

MINORITY REPORT

To Be Attached to Calendar 10

SUBJECT: REMOVING THE PROVISION OF LIFE TENURE FOR BISHOPS FROM THE CONSTITUTION—PARA. 53, ART. VI

Adopted by the Minority, 33, Nov. 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-4

Calendar No. 10. Defeated Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2693.

Move to delete the second paragraph under Division

Three, Article VI of the proposed Constitution which provides life tenure for bishops.

Signed: K. Morgan Edwards, Lee C. Moorehead, Jack M. Tuell, H. B. Williams, Lewis H. Beckford, Chester A. Pennington, Ralph G. Wesley, Albert Dale Hagler, Arne G. Widegard, John H. Rixse, Jr.

REPORT NO. 5. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 84; F, 82; A, 2; N, 0

SUBJECT: CHANGE NAME "DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT" TO "PRESIDING ELDER"

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 73

Calendar No. 11. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2720.

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence on Petition No. 73.

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 6. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 84; F, 84; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: VARIOUS SUBJECTS RELATIVE TO THE MINISTRY

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS: 93, 95-98.

Calendar No. 12. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2720.

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence on Petitions No. 93, 95-98.

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 7. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 84; F, 84; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: STATUS OF APPROVED SUPPLY PASTORS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 82, 84, 85, 87-91.

Calendar No. 13. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2720.

The Committee recommends referral to the committee continuing its study of the ministries in the merger of the two denominations of the above listed Petitions.

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 8. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 84; F, 70; A, 2; N, 12

SUBJECT: WORKBOOK PARAGRAPH 13, ART. IV CONSTITUTION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER, NONE

Calendar No. 50. Adopted Nov. 9, 1966, See Journal, page 2649.

In Paragraph 13, Art. IV in Work Document prepared for use of General Conference. In No. 2, Par. 13, Art. IV, insert the word "**qualifications**" between the words "fix" and "power," so that the passage shall read:

"2. To define and fix the **qualifications**, powers, and duties of elders, deacons, supply preachers, local preachers, exhorters, and deaconesses."

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 9. MINISTRY

M, 111; P, 83; F, 70; A, 4; N, 9

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER, NONE

Calendar No. 51. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2696.

Par. 34, line 2: insert words "**and associate**" between words "full" and "connection," so that the sentence will read: "The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the traveling preachers in full **and associate** connection with it, etc."

Par. 35, line 7: insert after the word "exception": "**that the ministerial members in associate connection may not vote on election of delegates to General, Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, constitutional amendments, or matters of ordination, character and conference relations of ministers, and with the further exception**" so that the sentence will read:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, and such other rights as

have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the ministerial members in associate connection may not vote on election of delegates to General, Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, constitutional amendments, or matters of ordination, character or conference relations of ministers, and with the further exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers."

WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Chairman*
FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, *Secretary*

NO. 7. MISSIONS

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2424.)

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REPORT NO. 1. MISSIONS

M, 108; P, 87; F, 87; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARAGRAPHS 951-1053

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-7

Calendar No. 90. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2721.

The Committee on Missions recommends concurrence with the Plan of Union, Paragraphs 951-1053.

This Committee recommends the following referrals and editorial changes:

Paragraph 951 referred back to the Ad Hoc Committee for clarification and sharpening of wording.

Paragraph 965 referred to Ad Hoc Committee for clarification.

Paragraph 968: The title should read: "Joint Commission . . .", not "Joint Commissions . . ."

Paragraph 967: In No. 2 the matter of titles of officers was referred to the Council on World Service and Finance.

Paragraph 1021: No. 6 of Paragraph 1021 should read: "The president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be a member of the Annual Conference."

Paragraph 1029: The sentence beginning on line 13 of Paragraph 1029 should read: "The promotion of plans and materials created by this committee shall be the responsibility of the Board of Education and the Board of Missions."

Paragraph 1044 should be deleted. It is included as a result of an editorial error.

The following editorial changes should be made:

Paragraph 1037, line 13 should read: "Secretary of Missionary Education and Service."

Paragraph 1052, line 9 should read: "Secretary of Missionary Education and Service."

Paragraph 1053, line 3 should read: "Committee on Town and Country Work . . ."

EDWARD L. TULLIS, *Chairman*
RICHARD E. CARLYON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. MISSIONS

M, 108; P, 87; F, 84; A, 0; N, 3

SUBJECT: CHANGE NAME OF WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF
CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Adopted by the Committee Nov. 8, 1966—Nonconcurrence

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0102

*Calendar No. 91. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2721.*

This Committee recommends Nonconcurrence on Petition
0102.

EDWARD L. TULLIS, *Chairman*
RICHARD E. CARLYON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. MISSIONS

M, 108; P, 87; F, 80; A, 2; N, 5

SUBJECT: ELIMINATE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Adopted by the Committee Nov. 8, 1966—Nonconcurrence

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0103

*Calendar No. 92. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2721.*

This Committee recommends Nonconcurrence on Petition
0103.

EDWARD L. TULLIS, *Chairman*
RICHARD E. CARLYON, *Secretary*

NO. 8. PENSIONS

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2427.)

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REPORT NO. 1. PENSIONS

M, 57; P, 40; F, 40; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION PARAGRAPHS 1551 TO 1560

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-8

Calendar No. 31. Referred to Ad Hoc Committee Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2729.

1. We recommend that the Plan of Union be amended as follows:

(a) In Par. 1553 (3) in the second line change the word "one," before bishop, to the word "**the,**" change the *comma* after "bishop" to a **semi-colon**, and delete the *comma* after "minister"; on the third line add a **comma** after the word "jurisdiction." The first three lines of paragraph (3) will then read "3. The board shall elect quadrennially from its membership a Committee on Pension Legislation which shall consist of **the** bishop; one minister and one layman from each jurisdiction, and two ministers and two laymen from the . . ."

(b) In Par. 1554 (12) add at the end of the fifth line the following: "**as are under its jurisdiction.**" The fifth line will then read "or consolidate two or more such pension or benefit funds, plans and programs, **as are under its jurisdiction.**"

(c) Substitute for amendment relating to Par. 1560 (3), printed in the third column on page 752 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* the following: "**The determination of pension benefits in The United Methodist Church shall recognize all pension rights to which ministers are entitled under the pension plans in existence at the time of church union and**

shall recognize all approved service which has been rendered in the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church prior to the date of Union."

2. We recommend concurrence in principal with the Plan of Union Paragraphs 1551 to 1560 as amended above, and referral to the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B. Union.

ROLAND P. RIDDICK, *Chairman*
FRANK WEBBER, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. PENSIONS

M, 57; P, 46; F, 46; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: LAY EMPLOYEES PENSIONS IN CENTRAL
CONFERENCES

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 104 & 105.

*Calendar No. 32. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page
2730.*

We recommend nonconcurrence on Petitions numbered 104 and 105.

ROLAND P. RIDDICK, *Chairman*
FRANK WEBBER, *Secretary*

NO. 9. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2428.)

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REPORT NO. 1. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 62; P, 40; F, 39; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: PARAGRAPH 18—RESTRICTIVE RULES—INCOME FROM PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-5

Calendar No. 33. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2702.

This is the same as the Fifth Restrictive Rule of the present Methodist *Discipline* and the wording does not in any way change the objective.

CARL J. SANDERS, *Chairman*

CLARENCE M. WINCHESTER, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 62; P, 59; F, 57; A, 1; N, 1

SUBJECT: PARAGRAPHS 851-902

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-9

Calendar No. 34. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2750.

The Committee On Publishing Interests approved Paragraphs 851-902 in principle with the following amendment and certain reservations or concerns listed as follows:

Amendment to Paragraph 860: Add the words "within financial limitation."

Reservations or concerns:

1. Name: The change of name of the Church raises a
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question of corporate status and the possibility of a fresh approach to tax complications.

2. Commercial Printing and Guaranteed Employee Security: Our concern has to do with the commercial printing of the E.U.B. Church, which presumably would not be continued. This raises a question as to the implied guarantee of jobs and security without the insurance that the volume of business would be the same.

3. Distribution of Appropriation: The purpose of the Board of Publication is to serve the Church in the area of publishing. Historically, the profits over and above what is needed for conducting the business have been distributed to the Conference Claimants on the basis of service years. There is an implied change in an agreement with the Board of Pensions which while not directly related to the Board of Publication does have a connection with the ultimate distribution of its net income.

4. Printing Establishment Trust Fund: The relationship of the Printing Establishment Trust Fund of the E.U.B. Church to the Board of Publication, and real estate holdings.

CARL J. SANDERS, *Chairman*

CLARENCE M. WINCHESTER, *Secretary*

NO. 10. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2430.)

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REPORT NO. 1. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 25; P, 16; F, 13; A, 0; N, 3

SUBJECT: CHANGE NAME OF BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 106

Calendar No. 38. Substitute Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2755.

Voted concurrence with referral to the Ad Hoc Committee for further study.

HARVEY H. POTTHOFF, *Chairman*
MRS. RUSSELL O. WATSON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 25; P, 16; F, 14; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: CHANGE NAME OF BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 107

Calendar No. 39. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2755.

Voted to table Petition No. 107 without prejudice.

HARVEY H. POTTHOFF, *Chairman*
MRS. RUSSELL O. WATSON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 25; P, 16; F, 14; A, 0; N, 2

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARAGRAPHS 1401-1422

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-10

Calendar No. 40. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2753.

Voted that these paragraphs be approved in principle with referral to the Ad Hoc Committee.

HARVEY H. POTTHOFF, *Chairman*

MRS. RUSSELL O. WATSON, *Secretary*

NO. 11.

INTERDENOMINATIOAL RELATIONS

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2431.)

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REPORT NO. 1. INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

M, 24; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PART I CONSTITUTION—INSERT NEW ARTICLE V (AS STATED IN PLAN OF UNION, SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NO. 2, PAGE 751, DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE)

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER, NONE

Calendar No. 1. Referred to Ad Hoc Committee Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2706.

Deletion—Line V, Art. V, Page 751.

"... everywhere ... strive toward" to read as follows:

"As a part of the church universal, The United Methodist Church believes that the Lord of the Church is calling Christians to unity and therefore it will seek, and work for, unity at all levels of church life: through world relationships with other Methodist Churches and United Churches related to The Methodist Church or the Evangelical United Brethren Church, through Councils of Churches, and through plans of union with churches of Methodist or other denominational traditions."

WILSON O. WELDON, *Chairman*
RICHARD W. CAIN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

M, 24; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION PAR. 1457, 1502-6 APPROVED

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-11

Calendar No. 2. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2755.

Recommend concurrence with Paragraphs 1457, 1502-1506, Plan of Union, Part IV.

WILSON O. WELDON, *Chairman*

RICHARD W. CAIN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

M, 24; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON CHURCH UNION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 108

Calendar No. 3. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2756.

Recommend concurrence in the context of discussion of ecumenical relations with one church historically and otherwise closely related to The Methodist Church, the General Conference reaffirm its continuing interest and good faith regarding the current Consultation on Church Union negotiations.

WILSON O. WELDON, *Chairman*

RICHARD W. CAIN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

M, 24; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON CHURCH UNION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 109, 110

Calendar No. 4. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2756.

Nonconcurrence.

WILSON O. WELDON, *Chairman*

RICHARD W. CAIN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 5. INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

M, 24; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: CONTINUE AND ENLARGE UNION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 111

Calendar No. 5. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2756.

Concurrence to continue and enlarge union procedure.

WHEREAS the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church have indicated willingness to negotiate towards union; and

WHEREAS the commitment toward a united denomination will help project a more progressive ecumenical mood and demonstrate the spirit essential to the give and take of sincere participation in the Consultation on Church Union;

THEREFORE, we respectfully petition the General Conference to authorize and instruct the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs to proceed with steps toward the union of the African Methodist Episcopal, African Episcopal Zion and Christian Methodist Churches, at which time the uniting churches may be called the "United Methodist Church" upon the vote of the General Conference.

WILSON O. WELDON, *Chairman*
RICHARD W. CAIN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 6. INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

M, 24; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 122

Calendar No. 6. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2756.

Recommend referral to Commission on Ecumenical Affairs for study.

WILSON O. WELDON, *Chairman*
RICHARD W. CAIN, *Secretary*

NO. 12. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2431.)

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REPORT NO. 1. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND ENABLING ACTS

M, 24; P, 16; F, 15; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARAGRAPH 16

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-6

Calendar No. 80. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2703.

The Committee recommends concurrence with Paragraph 16 of Plan of Union.

JUDGE LYLE TRUAX, *Chairman*

MRS. BERYL E. W. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND ENABLING ACTS

M, 24; P, 18; F, 17; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARAGRAPHS 58-61

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-6

Calendar No. 81. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2703.

The Committee recommends concurrence with Paragraphs 58-61 of the Plan of Union, Part I.

JUDGE LYLE TRUAX, *Chairman*

MRS. BERYL E. W. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*

**REPORT NO. 3. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND
ENABLING ACTS**

M, 24; P, 11; F, 10; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: PARAGRAPH CHANGES

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-12

*Calendar No. 82. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page
2757.*

These changes to be referred to Ad Hoc Committee for report at 1968 General Conference.

Paragraph 1702—Change “five alternates” to “six alternates.”

Paragraph 1722—Delete “in such court” to read “after the entry of final judgment.”

Paragraph 1726—Substitute entire paragraph with Paragraph 1006 as appearing in 1964 *Discipline* changing “preacher” to “elder” and inserting “United” between “The” and “Methodist”—now to read “if the accused is a bishop or a traveling **ELDER**, or one member in good standing in the **UNITED** Methodist Church.”

Paragraph 1765—A query as to why a statement was not made on trial, investigation and appeal of a deaconess. A statement that perhaps the deaconess is considered a lay member.

Paragraph 1788—A query as to whether the term “traveling elder” would cover all traveling preachers.

Paragraph 1790—Insert after “call in the superintendent of any other district or a traveling elder”—now reads “call in the superintendent of any other district or a traveling elder who shall summon the Committee of Investigation of the Annual Conference. . . .”

Paragraph 1792—Delete “district superintendent” on lines 1 and 25 and replace by “traveling elder”—now reads line 1 “The bishop in charge or the traveling elder . . .” and line 25 “The bishop in charge, or another bishop invited by him, or a traveling elder appointed by him.”

JUDGE LYLE TRUAX, *Chairman*

MRS. BERYL E. W. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*

NO. 13. LOCAL CHURCH

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REPORT NO. 1. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 10; F, 10; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARAGRAPHS 46-7. CHARGE
CONFERENCES

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER A-7

Calendar No. 41. Adopted Nov. 10, 1966, See Journal, page 2703.

Committee on Local Church was unanimous in the vote for adoption of Paragraphs 46-7, Charge Conferences, of the Plan of Union.

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 10; F, 10; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON WORSHIP IN LOCAL CHURCH

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 117, 118, 119, 120.

Calendar No. 42. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2757.

The Committee on Local Church was unanimous in the vote to refer Nos. 117, 118, 119, 120 to the Commission on Worship.

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*
2997

REPORT NO. 3. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 10; F, 10; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: MAKE FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCES OPTIONAL

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 115

Calendar No. 43. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2757.

The Committee on Local Church was unanimous in the vote to refer No. 115 to the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B. union.

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 11; F, 10; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 114

Calendar No. 44. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2757.

The Committee on Local Church adopted the Petition to add to the Section describing the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations (Par. 575) of the Plan of Union, the following sentences from the 1964 *Discipline*.

“WHEREAS the duties of the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations as delineated in the Plan of Union include no provision that the Committee shall function in relation to the change of ministers of a charge, and

“WHEREAS this function has been an important point of participation by the local church in the appointive process,

“WE, THEREFORE, the members of the Pacific Northwest Conference, do petition the General Conference to add to the Section describing the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations (Par. 575) of the Plan of Union, the following sentences from the 1964 *Discipline*:

“Since a responsibility of the committee is to be at all times sensitive to the relationship between pastor and people, should it become evident to the committee that the best interests of the charge and pastor will be served by a change of pastors, it shall confer with him and furnish him with this information. It shall cooperate with the pastor, the

district superintendent, and the bishop in arranging for a change of pastors."

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 5. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 11; F, 11; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION, PARAGRAPHS 101-203, 725-733

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-13

Calendar No. 45. Adopted, Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2759.

The Committee on Local Church was unanimous in the following recommendation:

We recommend that Paragraphs 101 to 203 and 725 to 733 of Part IV of the Plan of Union be referred to the Interboard Committee on the Local Church which was authorized by the 1964 General Conference to make a study of the structure of the local church and to make a report to the Legislative Committee on the Local Church of the 1968 General Conference. We further recommend that an in-depth study be made in cooperation with the sub-committee on the Local Church of the Ad Hoc Committee on E.U.B. Union, and that the Council on World Service and Finance be requested to provide adequate financing.

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 6. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 11; F, 11; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DEFINITION OF LOCAL CONGREGATION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 112

Calendar No. 46. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2757.

The Committee on Local Church voted unanimously to refer this Petition to Interboard Committee on the Local Church.

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 7. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 11; F, 11; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMISSIONS ON STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 113

Calendar No. 47. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2757.

The Committee on Local Church voted unanimously to refer this Petition to Interboard Committee on the Local Church.

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 8. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 11; F, 11; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 116

Calendar No. 48. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2757.

The Committee on Local Church voted unanimously to refer this Petition to Interboard Committee on the Local Church.

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 9. LOCAL CHURCH

M, 22; P, 11; F, 11; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF PARSONAGE FOR MINISTERS

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 121

Calendar No. 49. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2757.

The Committee on Local Church voted unanimously to refer this Petition to Interboard Committee on the Local Church.

DR. MERLYN NORTHFELT, *Chairman*
MRS. ETHAN L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*

NO. 14. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2433.)

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REPORT NO. 1. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 24; P, 16; F, 15; A, 0; N, 1

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER B-14

Calendar No. 35. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2759.

The Committee voted concurrence on Plan of Union, Paragraphs 1451-1454.

AMOS A. THORNBURG, *Chairman*
MRS. J. L. MCADAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 24; P, 17; F, 15; A, 1; N, 1

SUBJECT: REFERENCE TO CONFIRMATION IN RITUAL

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBER 0123

Calendar No. 36. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2759.

The Committee voted concurrence. It was further agreed that this matter was worthy of further study and referral was suggested to the Ad Hoc Committee.

AMOS A. THORNBURG, *Chairman*
MRS. J. L. MCADAM, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 24; P, 17; F, 17; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: DELETION FROM APOSTLES' CREED, PROTEST USE
OF WORDS "DRINK WINE," REVISION OF LITURGY BURIAL OF
THE DEAD, WORDING OF LORD'S PRAYER

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 0124, 0125, 0126, 0127.

*Calendar No. 37. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page
2747.*

The Committee voted nonconcurrence on Serial Numbers
0124, 0125, 0126, 0127.

AMOS A. THORNBURG, *Chairman*
MRS. J. L. MCADAM, *Secretary*

NO. 15. AD HOC COMMITTEE

(For complete personnel, officers and duties of Committee, see Journal, page 2434.)

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(NOTE—The Ad Hoc Committee was used by the 1966 General Conference as a Legislative Committee for those portions of the Proposed Constitution of The United Methodist Church and Enabling Legislation which could not logically be assigned to one of the regular Standing Legislative Committees.)

REPORT NO. 1. AD HOC COMMITTEE

M, 18; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: PLAN OF UNION PART I (§ 1, 2, 3, 4 [SUPP. REPORT], PREFACE PART II, § 14 AS AMENDED IN SUPP.

REPORTS, DIV. 5 INCL. PAR. 62, 63, 64)

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, AA, 001, 002, 003, 004

Calendar No. 83. Adopted as Amended Nov. 9, 1966, See Journal, pages 2636, 2639, 2641.

The Committee recommends concurrence on Petitions numbered AA, 001, 002, 003, 004.

CHARLES C. PARLIN, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. AD HOC COMMITTEE

M, 18; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

SUBJECT: NAME OF MERGED CHURCH

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019.

Calendar No. 84. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page 2761.

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

CHARLES C. PARLIN, *Secretary*
3003

REPORT NO. 3. AD HOC COMMITTEE

M, 18; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF E.U.B.-METHODIST LIAISON
COMMITTEE**

Adopted by the Committee November 8, 1966

PETITION SERIAL NUMBERS, 0010, 0011.

*Calendar No. 85. Adopted Nov. 11, 1966, See Journal, page
2761.*

The Committee concurred in principle but amended by recommending three additional members to the Ad Hoc Committee.

CHARLES C. PARLIN, *Secretary*

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SPECIAL REPORTS

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REPORT NO 1

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON E.U.B. MERGER

*Adopted as Amended—November 11, 1966
Count Vote—749 in favor; 40 opposed; 5 abstaining
See Journal, Page 2775.*

Part I

THE CONSTITUTION
PREAMBLE

"The church is a community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. It is the redeemed and redeeming fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by man divinely called, and the Sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the church seeks to provide for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers and the redemption of the world.

"The Church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the world and its very dividedness is a hindrance to its mission in that world."

The prayers and intentions of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church have been and are for obedience to the will of our Lord that His people be one, in humility for the present brokenness of the church and in gratitude that opportunities for reunion have been given. In harmony with these prayers and intentions these churches do now propose to unite, in the confident assurance that this act is an expression of the oneness of Christ's people.

Conversations concerning union between the two churches and their constituent members have taken place over a long period of years and the churches have a long and impressive history of fellowship and cooperation.

Therefore, we, the Commissions on Church Union of The Methodist Church, and of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, holding that these churches are essentially one in origin, in belief, in spirit, and in purpose, and desiring that this essential unity be made actual in organization and administration in the United States of America and throughout the world, do hereby propose and transmit to our respective General Conferences the following Plan of Union

and recommend to the two churches its adoption by the processes which they respectively require. (See Journal, page 2629.)

DIVISION ONE

¶ 1. *Art. I. Declaration of Union*—The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church shall be united in one church. The united church, as thus constituted, is, and shall be, the ecclesiastical and legal successor of the two uniting churches.

¶ 2. *Art. II. Name*—The name of the church shall be The United Methodist Church. The name of the church may be translated freely into languages other than English as the General Conference may determine. (See Journal, pages 2636, 2733.)

¶ 3. *Art. III. Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith*—The Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith shall be those currently held by The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church respectively. (See Journal, page 2636.)

Art. IV. Inclusiveness of the Church—The United Methodist Church is a part of the church universal which is one body in Christ. Therefore all persons, without regard to race, color, national origin, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, to participate in its programs, and, when they take the appropriate vows, to be admitted into its membership in any local church in the connection. In The United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body of the church because of race, color, national origin or economic condition. (See Journal, page 2639.)

Art. V. Ecumenical Relations—As a part of the church universal, The United Methodist Church believes that the Lord of the church is calling Christians everywhere to strive toward unity and therefore it will seek, and work for, unity at all levels of church life: through world relationships with other Methodist churches and united churches related to The Methodist Church or The Evangelical United Brethren Church, through councils of churches, and through plans of union with churches of Methodist or other denominational traditions. (See Journal, pages 2706, 2735.)

¶ 4. *Art. VI. Title to Properties*—Titles to properties in The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church shall, upon consummation of the Union, automatically vest in The United Methodist Church. Nothing in the Plan of Union at any time after the Union is to be construed so as to require any local church or any other property owner of the former The Evangelical United

Brethren Church or the former The Methodist Church to alienate or in any way to change the title to property contained in its deed or deeds at the time of Union; and lapse of time or usage shall not affect said title or control. (See Journal, page 2661.)

DIVISION TWO—ORGANIZATION

Section I. Conferences

¶ 5. *Art. I.*—There shall be a General Conference for the entire Church with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

¶ 6. *Art. II.*—There shall be Jurisdictional Conferences for the Church in the United States of America and Canada, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth provided that in The United Methodist Church there shall be no jurisdictional or central conference based on any ground other than geographical and regional division.

¶ 7. *Art. III.*—There shall be Central Conferences for the Church outside the United States of America and Canada, and if necessary Provisional Central Conferences, all with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

¶ 8. *Art. IV.*—There shall be Annual Conferences as the fundamental bodies of the Church, and if necessary Provisional Annual Conferences, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

¶ 9. *Art. V.*—There shall be a Charge Conference for each church or charge with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth. (See Journal, page 2649.)

Section II. General Conference

¶ 10. *Art. I.*—The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 600 nor more than 1000 delegates, one half of whom shall be ministers and one half lay members, to be elected by the Annual Conferences.

¶ 11. *Art. II.*—The General Conference shall meet in the month of April or May once in four years at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the General Conference or by its duly authorized committees.

A special session of General Conference, possessing the authority and exercising all the powers of the General Conference, may be called by the Council of Bishops, or in such other manner as the General Conference may from time to time prescribe, to meet at such time and in such place as may be stated in the call. Such special session of the General Conference shall be composed of the delegates to the preceding General Conference or their lawful successors, except that when a particular Annual Conference shall prefer to

have a new election it may do so. The purpose of such special session shall be stated in the call, and only such business shall be transacted as is in harmony with the purpose stated in such call, unless the General Conference, by a two-thirds vote, shall determine that other business may be transacted.

¶ 12. *Art. III.*—The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences from the Annual Conferences and the Provisional Annual Conferences, computed on a two-factor basis: (1) the number of ministerial members of the Annual Conference and (2) the number of church members in the Annual Conference; *provided* that each Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference, except for the Provisional Annual Conferences of a Central Conference or a Provisional Central Conference, shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference. (See Journal, page 2649.)

¶ 13. *Art. IV.*—The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of this power shall have authority as follows:

1. To define and fix the conditions, privileges, and duties of church membership which shall in every case be without reference to race or status.

2. To define and fix the qualifications, powers and duties of elders, deacons, supply preachers, local preachers, exhorters, and deaconesses.

3. To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences, Missionary Conferences and Missions, and of Central Conferences, District Conferences, Charge Conferences and Congregational Meetings.

4. To provide for the organization, promotion, and administration of the work of the Church outside the United States of America and Canada.

5. To define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the episcopacy, to adopt a plan for the support of the bishops, to provide a uniform rule for their retirement, and to provide for the discontinuance of a bishop because of inefficiency or unacceptability.

6. To provide and revise the Hymnal and Ritual of the Church and to regulate all matters relating to the form and mode of worship, subject to the limitations of the first and second Restrictive Rules.

7. To provide a judicial system and a method of judicial procedure for the Church, except as herein otherwise prescribed.

8. To initiate and to direct all connectional enterprises of the Church, and to provide boards for their promotion and administration.

9. To determine and provide for raising and distributing funds necessary to carry on the work of the Church.

10. To fix a uniform basis upon which bishops shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences and to determine the number of bishops that may be elected by Central Conferences.

11. To select its presiding officers from the bishops, through a committee; *provided* that the bishops shall select from their own number the presiding officer of the opening session.

12. To change the number and the boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdictional Conference involved.

13. To establish such commissions for the general work of the Church as may be deemed advisable.

14. To secure the rights and privileges of membership in all agencies, programs and institutions in The United Methodist Church regardless of race or status.

15. To enact such other legislation as may be necessary, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the Church. (See Journal, page 2652.)

Section III. Restrictive Rules

¶ 14. *Art. I.*—The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.

Art. II.—The General Conference shall not revoke, alter or change our Confession of Faith. (See Journal, page 2641.)

¶ 15. *Art. III.*—The General Conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away with episcopacy or destroy the plan of our itinerant general superintendency. (See Journal, page 2678.)

¶ 16. *Art. IV.*—The General Conference shall not do away with the privileges of our ministers of right to trial by a committee and of an appeal; neither shall it do away with the privileges of our members of right to trial before the Church, or by a committee, and of an appeal. (See Journal, page 2703.)

¶ 17. *Art. V.*—The General Conference shall not revoke or change the "General Rules of our United Societies." (See Journal, page 2641.)

¶ 18. *Art. VI.*—The General Conference shall not appropriate the net income of the publishing houses, the book

concerns, or the Chartered Fund to any purpose other than for the benefit of retired or disabled preachers, their wives, widows, and children or other beneficiaries of the ministerial pension systems. (See Journal, page 2702.)

¶ 19. *Art. VII.*—The General Conference shall not do away with the following rights, which are hereby defined: In order that The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be assured of effective representation in The United Methodist Church it is agreed that at the level of the General Conference, Jurisdictional Conferences, and Central Conferences and on all boards and agencies at the Annual Conference, Central Conference, Jurisdictional Conference and General Conference levels, in every instance there shall be chosen, during the first three quadrennia following Union, at least twice the number of representatives coming from The Evangelical United Brethren Church membership as the relative numerical membership in said particular conference would indicate in relationship to the number of representatives coming from The Methodist Church, and further agreed that during such period every General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, and if practical every Central Conference and Annual Conference, board, or agency, regardless of size, shall have at least one such representative; *provided* that this provision shall not be applied so as to give to representatives coming from The Evangelical United Brethren Church a majority position which, except for this provision, they would not have; and further *provided* that in the Germany Central Conference during the first three quadrennial following Union the relative number of representatives coming from the former Methodist Church and the former Evangelische Gemeinschaft shall be equal. The relative numerical membership shall be computed by taking the membership of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as reported immediately prior to Union and the total membership of the particular conference immediately after Union. The General Conference may adopt legislative rules designed to carry out the intent and spirit of this provision. At the termination of the first three quadrennia following Union, this Article VI shall be automatically deleted from the Constitution. (See Journal, page 2655.)

Section IV. Jurisdictional Conferences

¶ 20. *Art. I.*—The Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of as many representatives from the Annual Conferences as shall be determined by a uniform basis established by the General Conference.

¶ 21. *Art. II.*—All Jurisdictional Conferences shall have

the same status and the same privileges of action within the limits fixed by the Constitution. The ratio of representation of the Annual Conferences in the General Conference shall be the same for all Jurisdictional Conferences.

¶ 22. *Art. III*.—The General Conference shall fix the basis of representation in the Jurisdictional Conferences; *provided* that the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates to be elected by the Annual Conferences and the Provisional Annual Conferences.

¶ 23. *Art. IV*.—Each Jurisdictional Conference shall meet at the time determined by the Council of Bishops or its delegated committee, each Jurisdictional Conference convening on the same date as the others and at a place selected by the Jurisdictional Committee on Entertainment, appointed by its College of Bishops unless such a committee has been appointed by the preceding Jurisdictional Conference.

¶ 24. *Art. V*.—The Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conferences:

1. To promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent interests of the Church, and to provide for interests and institutions within their boundaries.

2. To elect bishops and to cooperate in carrying out such plans for their support as may be determined by the General Conference.

3. To establish and constitute Jurisdictional Conference boards as auxiliary to the general boards of the church as the need may appear, and to choose their representatives on the general boards in such manner as the General Conference may determine.

4. To determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences; *provided* that there shall be no Annual Conference with a membership of fewer than fifty ministers in full connection, except by the consent of the General Conference; and *provided* further that this provision shall not apply to Annual Conferences of the former The Evangelical United Brethren Church during the first three quadrennia after Union.

5. To make rules and regulations for the administration of the work of the Church within the jurisdiction, subject to such powers as have been or shall be vested in the General Conference.

6. To appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling preacher of that jurisdiction from the decision of a trial committee. (See Journal, page 2657.)

Section V. Central Conferences

¶ 25. *Art. I.*—There shall be Central Conferences for the work of the Church outside the United States of America and Canada with such duties, powers, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth. The number and boundaries of the Central Conferences shall be determined by the Uniting Conference. Subsequently the General Conference shall have authority to change the number and boundaries of Central Conferences. The Central Conferences shall have the duties powers, and privileges hereinafter set forth.

¶ 26. *Art. II.*—The Central Conferences shall be composed of as many delegates as shall be determined by a basis established by the General Conference. The delegates shall be ministerial and lay in equal numbers.

¶ 27. *Art. III.*—The Central Conferences shall meet within the year succeeding the meeting of the General Conference at such times and places as shall have been determined by the preceding respective Central Conferences or by commissions appointed by them, or by the General Conference. The date and place of the first meeting succeeding the United Conference shall be fixed by the bishops of the respective Central Conferences, or in such manner as shall be determined by the General Conference.

¶ 28. *Art. IV.*—The Central Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference:

1. To promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, social-concern, and benevolent interests and institutions of the church within their own boundaries.

2. To elect the bishops for the respective Central Conferences in number as may be determined from time to time, upon a basis fixed by the General Conference, and to co-operate in carrying out such plans for the support of their bishops as may be determined by the General Conference.

3. To establish and constitute such Central Conference boards as may be required and to elect their administrative officers.

4. To determine the boundaries of the Annual Conferences within their respective areas.

5. To make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries including such changes and adaptations of the General *Discipline* as the conditions in the respective areas may require, subject to the powers that have been or shall be vested in the Central Conference.

6. To appoint a Judicial Court to determine legal questions arising on the Rules, Regulations and such revised,

adapted or new sections of the Central Conference *Discipline* enacted by the Central Conference.

7. To appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling preacher of that Central Conference from the decision of a Committee on Trial. (See Journal, page 2659.)

Section VI. Episcopal Administration in Central Conferences

¶ 29. *Art. I.*—The bishops of the Central Conferences shall be elected by their respective Central Conferences and inducted into office in the historic manner.

¶ 30. *Art. II.*—The bishops of the Central Conferences shall have membership in the Council of Bishops with vote.

¶ 31. *Art. III.*—The bishops of the Central Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Central Conferences.

¶ 32. *Art. IV.*—The bishops of each Central Conference shall arrange the plan of episcopal visitation within their Central Conference.

¶ 33. *Art. V.*—The Council of Bishops may assign one of their number to visit each Central Conference. When so assigned the bishop shall be recognized as the accredited representative of the general church and when requested by a majority of the bishops resident in that Conference may exercise therein their functions of the episcopacy. (See Journal, page 2688.)

Section VII. Annual Conferences

¶ 34. *Art. I.*—The Annual Conference shall be composed of all ministerial members as defined by the General Conference together with a lay member elected by each charge, the Conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference president of United Methodist Men, and the Conference Lay Leader. Each charge served by more than one minister in full connection shall be entitled to as many lay members as ministerial members. The lay members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent churches forming this Union, or of The United Methodist Church. (See Journal, pages 2702, 2762.)

¶ 35. *Art. II.*—The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all Constitutional amendments, on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that

the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of ministers. The Annual Conference shall have such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference, or to the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences by the Constitution. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine. (See Journal, pages 2696, 2733.)

¶ 36. *Art. III.*—The Annual Conference shall elect ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference in the manner provided in this section, *Articles IV* and *V*. The persons first elected up to the number determined by the ratio for representation in the General Conference shall be representatives in that body. Additional delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference, who, together with those first elected as above, shall be delegates in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference. The additional delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall in the order of their election be the reserve delegates to the General Conference. The Annual Conference shall also elect reserve ministerial and lay delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference as it may deem desirable. (See Journal, page 2699.)

¶ 37. *Art. IV.*—The ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members in full connection with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference; *provided* that such delegates shall have been traveling preachers in the constituent churches forming this Union, or in The United Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election and are in full connection with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference electing them when elected and at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences. (See Journal, pages 2697, 2735.)

¶ 38. *Art. V.*—The lay delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences shall be elected by the lay members of the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference; *provided* that such delegates be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been members of one of the constituent churches forming this Union, or of The United Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election, and are members thereof within the Annual Conference electing them at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences. (See Journal, page 2737.)

¶ 39. *Art. VI.*—For a period of twelve years following

Union, Annual Conferences shall not have their names or boundaries changed without their consent; and during such period Annual Conferences formerly of The Evangelical United Brethren Church may in electing delegates to General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences and their Superintendents of Districts continue their time-honored methods, the provisions of Division Two, Section VII, *Arts. IV and V*; Division Two, Section VIII, *Art. IV*; and Division Three, *Art. IX*, notwithstanding but nothing herein shall be construed as preventing the elimination of Annual Conferences based on race. (See Journal, page 2700.)

Section VIII. Boundaries

¶ 40. *Art. I.*—The United Methodist Church shall have Jurisdictional Conferences made up as follows:

Northeastern—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Province of Ontario.

Southeastern—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi.

North Central—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota.

South Central—Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico.

Western—Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Alaska, Hawaii, Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

¶ 41. *Art. II.*—The work of the church outside the United States of America and Canada may be formed into Central Conferences, the number and boundaries of which shall be determined by the Uniting Conference, the General Conference having authority subsequently to make changes in the number and boundaries.

¶ 42. *Art. III.*—Changes in the number, names, and boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences may be effected by the General Conference upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each of the Jurisdictional Conferences involved.

¶ 43. *Art. IV.*—Changes in the number, names, and boundaries of the Annual Conferences may be effected by the Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States of America and Canada and by the Central Conferences outside the United States of America and Canada according to the provisions under the respective powers of the Jurisdictional and the Central Conferences.

¶ 44. *Art. V.*—*Transfer of Local Churches.* 1. A local

church may be transferred from one Annual Conference to another in which it is geographically located upon approval by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in each of the following:

- (a) The Charge Conference.
- (b) The Congregational Meeting of the local church.
- (c) Each of the two Annual Conferences involved.

The vote shall be certified by the secretaries of the specified Conferences or meeting to the bishops having supervision of the Annual Conferences involved, and upon their announcement of the required majorities the transfer shall immediately be effective.

2. The vote on approval of transfer shall be taken by each Annual Conference at its first session after the matter is submitted to it.

3. Transfers under the provisions of this Article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to changes of boundaries of conferences.

Section IX. District Conferences

¶ 45. *Art. I.*—There may be organized in an Annual Conference, District Conferences composed of such persons and invested with such powers as the General Conference may determine. (See Journal, page 2659.)

Section X. Charge Conferences

¶ 46. *Art. I.*—There shall be organized in each charge a Charge Conference composed of such persons and invested with such powers as the General Conference shall provide.

¶ 47. *Art. II.—Election of Church Officers.* Unless the General Conference shall order otherwise, the officers of the church or churches constituting a charge shall be elected by the Charge Conference or by the members of said church or churches at a meeting called for that purpose, as may be arranged by the Charge Conference, unless the election is otherwise required by local church charters or state or provincial laws. (See Journal, page 2703.)

DIVISION THREE—EPISCOPAL SUPERVISION

¶ 48. *Art. I.*—There shall be a continuance of an episcopacy in The United Methodist Church, of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in The Methodist Church and in The Evangelical United Brethren Church in all those matters in which they agree and may be considered identical; and the differences between these historic episcopacies are deemed to be reconciled and harmonized by and in this Plan of Union and Constitution of The United Methodist Church and actions taken pursuant thereto so that a unified superintendency and episcopacy is hereby

created and established of, in, and by those who now are and shall be bishops of The United Methodist Church; and the said episcopacy shall further have such powers, privileges, and duties as are herein set forth.

¶ 49. *Art. II.*—The bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences and consecrated in the historic manner at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference for those elected by the jurisdictions and by each Central Conference for those elected by such Central Conference.

¶ 50. *Art. III.*—There shall be a Council of Bishops composed of all the bishops of The United Methodist Church. The council shall meet at least once a year and plan for the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests of the entire Church and for carrying into effect the rules, regulations, and responsibilities prescribed and enjoined by the General Conference, and in accord with the provisions set forth in this Plan of Union.

¶ 51. *Art. IV.*—The bishops of each Jurisdictional and Central Conference shall constitute a College of Bishops and such College of Bishops shall arrange the plan of episcopal supervision of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within their respective territories.

¶ 52. *Art. V.*—The bishops shall have residential and presidential supervision in the Jurisdictional Conferences in which they are elected or to which they are transferred. Bishops may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction for presidential and residential supervision under the following conditions: (1) The transfer of bishops may be on either of two bases: (a) a jurisdiction which receives a bishop by transfer from another jurisdiction may transfer to that jurisdiction or to a third jurisdiction one of its own bishops eligible for transfer, so that the number transferred in by each jurisdiction shall be balanced by the number transferred out, or (b) a jurisdiction may receive a bishop from another jurisdiction and not transfer out a member of its own College of Bishops. (2) No bishop shall be transferred unless he shall have given his specific consent. (3) No bishop shall be eligible for transfer unless he shall have served one quadrennium in the jurisdiction which elected him to the episcopacy. (4) All such transfers shall require the approval by a majority vote of the members, present and voting, of the Jurisdictional Conferences which are involved after consideration by the Committees on Episcopacy. After the above procedures have been followed, the transferring bishop shall become a member of the receiving College of Bishops and shall be subject to residential assignment by that Jurisdictional Conference.

A bishop may be assigned by the Council of Bishops for presidential service or other temporary service in another jurisdiction than that which elected him, provided request is made by a majority of the bishops in the jurisdiction of the proposed service.

In the case of an emergency in any jurisdiction or Central Conference through the death or disability of a bishop or other cause, the Council of Bishops may assign a bishop from another jurisdiction or Central Conference to the work of the said jurisdiction or Central Conference with the consent of a majority of the bishops of that jurisdiction or Central Conference. (See Journal, page 2682.)

¶ 53. *Art. VI.*—The bishops, both active and retired, of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of The Methodist Church at the time Union is consummated, shall be bishops of The United Methodist Church.

The bishops of The Methodist Church elected by the jurisdictions, the active bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church at the time of Union, and bishops elected by the jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church shall have life tenure. Each bishop elected by a Central Conference of The Methodist Church shall have such tenure as the Central Conference electing him shall have determined.

The Jurisdictional Conference shall elect a standing Committee on Episcopacy, to consist of one ministerial and one lay delegate from each Annual Conference, on nomination of the Annual Conference delegation. The Committee shall review the work of the bishops, pass on their character and official administration, and report to the Jurisdictional Conference its findings for such action as the conference may deem appropriate within its constitutional warrant of power. The committee shall recommend the assignments of the bishops to their respective residences, for final action by the Jurisdictional Conference. (See Journal, page 2693.)

¶ 54. *Art. VII.*—A bishop presiding over an Annual, Central, or Jurisdictional Conference shall decide all questions of law coming before him in the regular business of a session; *provided* that such questions be presented in writing and that his decisions be recorded in the journal of the conference.

Such an episcopal decision shall not be authoritative except for the pending case until it shall have been passed upon by the Judicial Council. Each bishop shall report in writing annually all his decisions of law, with a syllabus of the same, to the Judicial Council, which shall affirm, modify, or reverse them.

¶ 55. *Art. VIII.*—The bishops of the several Jurisdic-

tional and Central Conferences shall preside in the session of their respective Conferences. (See Journal, page 2684.)

¶ 56. *Art. IX.*—In each Annual Conference there shall be one or more district superintendents who shall assist the bishop in the administration of the Annual Conference and shall have such responsibilities and term of office as the General Conference may determine. (See Journal, page 2688, 2725.)

¶ 57. *Art. X.*—The bishops shall appoint, after consultation with the district superintendents, ministers to the charges and they shall have such responsibilities and authorities as the General Conference shall prescribe. (See Journal, page 2688.)

DIVISION FOUR—THE JUDICIARY

¶ 58. *Art. I.*—There shall be a Judicial Council. The General Conference shall determine the number and qualifications of its members, their terms of office, and the method of election and the filling of vacancies.

¶ 59. *Art. II.*—The Judicial Council shall have authority:

1. To determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops, or one fifth of the members of the General Conference; and to determine the constitutionality of any act of a Jurisdictional or Central Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the bishops of that Jurisdictional or Central Conference or upon the appeal of one fifth of the members of that Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

2. To hear and determine any appeal from a bishop's decision on a question of law made in the Annual Conference when said appeal has been made by one fifth of that conference present and voting.

3. To pass upon decisions of law made by bishops in Annual Conferences.

4. To hear and determine the legality of any action taken therein by any General Conference board or Jurisdictional or Central Conference board or body, upon appeal by one third of the members thereof, or upon request of the Council of Bishops or a majority of the bishops of a Jurisdictional or a Central Conference.

5. To have such other duties and powers as may be conferred upon it by the General Conference.

6. To provide its own methods of organization and procedure.

¶ 60. *Art. III.*—All decisions of the Judicial Council shall be final. When the Judicial Council shall declare unconstitutional any act of the General Conference then in session,

that decision shall be reported back to that General Conference immediately.

¶ 61. *Art. IV.*—The General Conference shall establish for the church a judicial system which shall guarantee to our ministers a right to trial by a committee and an appeal, and to our members a right to trial before the church, or by a committee, and an appeal. (See Journal, page 2703.)

DIVISION FIVE—AMENDMENTS

¶ 62. *Art. I.*—Amendments to the Constitution shall be made upon a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the aggregate number of members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, except in the case of the first, second, and seventh Restrictive Rules which shall require a three-fourths majority of all the members of the Annual Conferences present and voting. The vote, after being completed, shall be canvassed by the Council of Bishops, and the amendment voted upon shall become effective upon their announcement of its having received the required majority.

¶ 63. *Art. II.*—Amendments to the Constitution may originate in either the General Conference or the Annual Conferences.

¶ 64. *Art. III.*—A Jurisdictional Conference may by a majority vote propose changes in the Constitution of the Church, and such proposed changes shall be submitted to the next General Conference. If the General Conference adopts the measure by a two-thirds vote, it shall be submitted to the Annual Conferences according to the provision for amendments. (See Journal, page 2641.)

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REPORT NO. 2

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PREFACE

The doctrinal traditions of both The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church stem from the Evangelical Revival of the 18th century and have been conserved and developed through the generations until now. In this Plan of Union it is proposed that this heritage be cherished and its authentic development insured.

In their original Constitution (1808), the American

Methodists placed a Restrictive Rule designed to inhibit irresponsible doctrinal changes, "*contrary* to our present existing and established standards of doctrine." This Rule has remained in force and unamended through subsequent schisms and reunion. It was renewed by the Uniting Conference of 1939 and is once again repeated in this Plan of Union (Part IV, par. 14).

The phrase, "our present existing and established standards of doctrine" has never been formally defined. In its original reference, however, it included as a minimum John Wesley's forty-four *Sermons on Several Occasions* and his *Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament*. Their functions as "standards" had already been defined by the "Large Minutes" of 1763, which in turn had been approved by the American Methodists in 1773 and 1785. To these *Sermons* and *Notes* the Conference of 1808 added "The Articles of Religion"—an abridgment of the XXXIX Articles of the Church of England prepared by Mr. Wesley in his revised version of the Book of Common Prayer ("The Sunday Service").

In 1962, after sixteen years of union under two confessions of faith, The Evangelical United Brethren Church adopted "A Confession of Faith" based upon the doctrinal traditions of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church and intended as a convenient summary of the basic beliefs of evangelical-Christianity. In the present Plan of Union, this *Confession* is placed alongside the Articles of Religion and becomes a stipulated reference in the Restrictive Rules. The *Confession*, the Articles of Religion and the Wesleyan "standards" are thus deemed congruent if not identical in their doctrinal perspective and not in conflict.

The purpose of such "standards" is certainly not to displace the direct and primary authority of the Bible nor to stultify the responsible freedom of thoughtful Christians in the development of Christian doctrine. In all matters of faith and morals, the authority of Holy Scripture stands supreme (cf. Article V in *The Articles of Religion* and Article IV in *The Confession*). Moreover, in the ongoing enterprise of theological reflection, the Wesleyan "standards" have been rightly construed as the *negative* limits of *public teaching* in the Church rather than the positive prescription of an inflexible system of doctrine. This principle was clearly stated in the Deed of Union of the British Methodist Church (1932):

"The *Notes on the New Testament* and the *Forty-Four Sermons* are not intended to impose a system of formal or speculative theology on Methodist Preachers but to set up

standards of preaching and belief which should insure loyalty to the fundamental truths of the Gospel of Redemption and insure the continued witness of the Church to the realities of the Christian experience of salvation."

Our concern is that these Wesleyan doctrinal traditions shall continue as a fruitful source of theological understanding. They make no pretension to infallibility in and of themselves. Mr. Wesley constantly appealed to Scripture as the primary locus of divine revelation and to the historic creeds and "the catholic spirit" as the larger context in which the Scriptures are to be interpreted. In like manner, the Wesleyan "standards of doctrine" are designed to serve those whose preach and teach in The United Methodist Church as sound guides to valid doctrine."

Part II

DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS AND THE GENERAL RULES

¶ 91. THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Article I.—Of Faith in the Holy Trinity

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Article II.—Of the Word, or Son of God, who was made very Man

The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided; whereof is one Christ, very God and very Man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for the actual sins of man.

Article III.—Of the Resurrection of Christ

Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until he return to judge all men at the last day.

Article IV.—Of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

Article V.—Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation

The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scriptures we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testaments of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church. The names of the canonical books are:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, The First Book of Samuel, The Second Book of Samuel, The First Book of Kings, The Second Book of Kings, The First Book of Chronicles, The Second Book of Chronicles, The Book of Ezra, The Book of Nehemiah, The Book of Esther, The Book of Job, The Psalms, The Proverbs, Ecclesiastes or the Preacher, Cantica or Song of Solomon, Four Prophets the Greater, Twelve Prophets the Less.

All the books of the New Testament, as they are commonly received, we do receive and account canonical.

Article VI.—Of the Old Testament

The Old Testament is not contrary to the New; for both in the Old and New Testaments everlasting life is offered to mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man, being both God and Man. Wherefore they are not to be heard who feign that the old fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the law given from God by Moses as touching ceremonies and rites doth not bind Christians, nor ought the civil precepts thereof of necessity be received in any commonwealth; yet notwithstanding, no Christian whatsoever is free from the obedience of the commandments which are called moral.

Article VII.—Of Original or Birth Sin

Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam (as the Pelagians do vainly talk), but it is the corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and of his own nature inclined to evil, and that continually.

Article VIII.—Of Free Will

The condition of man after the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and works, to faith, and calling upon God; wherefore we have no power to do good works, pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

Article IX.—Of the Justification of Man

We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort.

Article X.—Of Good Works

Although good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure the severity of God's judgment; yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and spring out of a true and lively faith, insomuch that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known as a tree is discerned by its fruit.

Article XI.—Of Works of Supererogation

Voluntary works—besides, over and above God's commandments—which are called works of supererogation, cannot be taught without arrogancy and impiety. For by them men do declare that they do not only render unto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for his sake than of bounden duty is required; whereas Christ saith plainly: When ye have done all that is commanded of you, say, We are unprofitable servants.

Article XII.—Of Sin after Justification

Not every sin willingly committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Spirit, and unpardonable. Wherefore, the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification: after we have received the Holy Spirit, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and, by the grace of God, rise again and amend our lives. And therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here; or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent.

Article XIII.—Of the Church

The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the

Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

Article XIV.—Of Purgatory

The Romish doctrine concerning purgatory, pardon, worshipping, and adoration, as well of images as of relics, and also invocation of saints, is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warrant of Scripture, but repugnant to the Word of God.

Article XV.—Of Speaking in the Congregation in such a Tongue as the People Understand

It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the primitive Church, to have public prayer in the church, or to administer the Sacraments, in a tongue not understood by the people.

Article XVI.—Of the Sacraments

Sacraments ordained of Christ are not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they are certain signs of grace, and God's good will toward us, by which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm, our faith in him.

There are two Sacraments ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

Those five commonly called sacraments, that is to say, confirmation, penance, orders, matrimony, and extreme unction, are not to be counted for Sacraments of the Gospel; being such as have partly grown out of the *corrupt* following of the apostles, and partly are states of life allowed in the Scriptures, but yet have not the like nature of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, because they have not any visible sign or ceremony ordained of God.

The Sacraments were not ordained of Christ to be gazed upon, or to be carried about; but that we should duly use them. And in such only as worthily receive the same they have a wholesome effect or operation; but they that receive them unworthily, purchase to themselves condemnation, as St. Paul saith, I Cor. 11:29.

Article XVII.—Of Baptism

Baptism is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized; but it is also a sign of regeneration or

the new birth. The baptism of young children is to be retained in the church.*

Article XVIII.—Of the Lord's Supper

The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another, but rather is a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death; insomuch that, to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith receive the same, the bread which we break is a partaking of the body of Christ; and likewise the cup of blessing is a partaking of the blood of Christ.

Transubstantiation, or the change of the substance of bread and wine in the Supper of our Lord, cannot be proved by Holy Writ, but is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten in the Supper, only after a heavenly and spiritual manner. And the means whereby the body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper is faith.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not by Christ's ordinance reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshiped.

Article XIX.—Of Both Kinds

The cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the lay people; for both the parts of the Lord's Supper, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be administered to all Christians alike.

Article XX.—Of the One Oblation of Christ, finished upon the Cross

The offering of Christ, once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifice of masses, in the which it is commonly said that the priest doth offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, is a blasphemous fable and dangerous deceit.

Article XXI.—Of the Marriage of Ministers

The ministers of Christ are not commanded by God's law either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage; therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christians, to marry at their own discretion, as they shall judge the same to serve best to godliness.

* See Judicial Council Decision 142.

Article XXII.—Of the Rites and Ceremonies of Churches

It is not necessary that rites and ceremonies should in all places be the same, or exactly alike; for they have been always different, and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's Word. Whosoever, through his private judgment, willingly and purposely doth openly break the rites and ceremonies of the church to which he belongeth, which are not repugnant to the Word of God, and are ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly (that others may fear to do the like), as one that offendeth against the common order of the church, and woundeth the consciences of weak brethren.

Every particular church may ordain, change, or abolish rites and ceremonies, so that all things may be done to edification.

Article XXIII.—Of the Rulers of the United States of America

The President, the Congress, the general assemblies, the governors, and the councils of state *as the delegates of the people*, are the rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the Constitution of the United States and by the constitutions of their respective states. And the said states are a sovereign and independent nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction.

Article XXIV.—Of Christian Men's Goods

The riches and goods of Christians, are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same, as some do falsely boast. Notwithstanding, every man ought, of such things as he possesseth, liberally to give alms to the poor, according to his ability.

Article XXV.—Of a Christian Man's Oath

As we confess that vain and rash swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ and James his apostle, so we judge that the Christian religion doth not prohibit, but that a man may swear when the magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith and charity, so it be done according to the prophet's teaching, in justice, judgment, and truth.

The following Article from the Methodist Protestant Discipline is placed here by the United Conference. It was not one of the Articles of Religion voted upon by the three churches.

Of Sanctification

Sanctification is that renewal of our fallen nature by the Holy Ghost, received through faith in Jesus Christ, whose blood of atonement cleanseth from all sin; whereby we are not only delivered from the guilt of sin, but are washed from its pollution, saved from its power, and are enabled, through grace, to love God with all our hearts and to walk in his holy commandments blameless.

The following provision was adopted by the Uniting Conference. This statement seeks to interpret to our churches in foreign lands Article XXIII of the Articles of Religion. It is a legislative enactment but is not a part of the Constitution. (*See* Judicial Council Decisions 41, 176.)

Of the Duty of Christians to the Civil Authority

It is the duty of all Christians, and especially of all Christian ministers, to observe and obey the laws and commands of the governing or supreme authority of the country of which they are citizens or subjects or in which they reside, and to use all laudable means to encourage and enjoin obedience to the powers that be.

¶ 92. THE CONFESSION OF FAITH OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Article I.—God

We believe in the one true, holy and living God, Eternal Spirit, who is Creator, Sovereign and Preserver of all things visible and invisible. He is infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness and love, and rules with gracious regard for the well-being and salvation of men, to the glory of his name. We believe the one God reveals himself as the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, distinct but inseparable, eternally one in essence and power.

Article II.—Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, in whom the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united. He is the eternal Word made flesh, the only begotten Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. As ministering Servant he lived, suffered and died on the cross. He was buried, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to be with the Father, from whence he shall return. He is eternal Savior and Mediator, who intercedes for us, and by him all men will be judged.

Article III.—The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit who proceeds from and is one in being with the Father and the Son. He convinces the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He leads men through faithful response to the gospel into the fellowship of the church. He comforts, sustains and empowers the faithful and guides them into all truth.

Article IV.—The Holy Bible

We believe the Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments, reveals the Word of God so far as it is necessary for our salvation. It is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice. Whatever is not revealed in or established by the Holy Scriptures is not to be made an article of faith nor is it to be taught as essential to salvation.

Article V.—The Church

We believe the Christian church is the community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. We believe it is one, holy, apostolic and catholic. It is the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by men divinely called, and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers and the redemption of the world.

Article VI.—The Sacraments

We believe the sacraments, ordained by Christ, are symbols and pledges of the Christian's profession and of God's love toward us. They are means of grace by which God works invisibly in us, quickening, strengthening and confirming our faith in him. Two sacraments are ordained by Christ our Lord, namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe Baptism signifies entrance into the household of faith, and is a symbol of repentance and inner cleansing from sin, a representation of the new birth in Christ Jesus and a mark of Christian discipleship.

We believe children are under the atonement of Christ and as heirs of the Kingdom of God are acceptable subjects for Christian baptism. Children of believing parents through baptism become the special responsibility of the church. They should be nurtured and led to personal acceptance of Christ, and by profession of faith confirm their baptism.

We believe the Lord's Supper is a representation of our redemption, a memorial of the sufferings and death of

Christ, and a token of love and union which Christians have with Christ and with one another. Those who rightly, worthily and in faith eat the broken bread and drink the blessed cup partake of the body and blood of Christ in a spiritual manner until he comes.

Article VII.—Sin and Free Will

We believe man is fallen from righteousness and, apart from the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, is destitute of holiness and inclined to evil. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. In his own strength, without divine grace, man cannot do good works pleasing and acceptable to God. We believe, however, man influenced and empowered by the Holy Spirit is responsible in freedom to exercise his will for good.

Article VIII.—Reconciliation Through Christ

We believe God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. The offering Christ freely made on the cross is the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, redeeming man from all sin, so that no other satisfaction is required.

Article IX.—Justification and Regeneration

We believe we are never accounted righteous before God through our works or merit, but that penitent sinners are justified or accounted righteous before God only by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe regeneration is the renewal of man in righteousness through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, whereby we are made partakers of the divine nature and experience newness of life. By this new birth the believer becomes reconciled to God and is enabled to serve him with the will and the affections.

We believe, although we have experienced regeneration, it is possible to depart from grace and fall into sin; and we may even then, by the grace of God, be renewed in righteousness.

Article X.—Good Works

We believe good works are the necessary fruits of faith and follow regeneration but they do not have the virtue to remove our sins or to avert divine judgment. We believe good works, pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, spring from a true and living faith, for through and by them faith is made evident.

Article XI.—Sanctification and Christian Perfection

We believe sanctification is the work of God's grace through the Word and the Spirit, by which those who have been born again are cleansed from sin in their thoughts, words and acts, and are enabled to live in accordance with God's will, and to strive for holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Entire sanctification is a state of perfect love, righteousness and true holiness which every regenerate believer may obtain by being delivered from the power of sin, by loving God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength, and by loving one's neighbor as one's self. Through faith in Jesus Christ this gracious gift may be received in this life both gradually and instantaneously, and should be sought earnestly by every child of God.

We believe this experience does not deliver us from the infirmities, ignorance and mistakes common to man, nor from the possibilities of further sin. The Christian must continue on guard against spiritual pride and seek to gain victory over every temptation to sin. He must respond wholly to the will of God so that sin will lose its power over him; and the world, the flesh and the devil are put under his feet. Thus he rules over these enemies with watchfulness through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Article XII.—The Judgment and the Future State

We believe all men stand under the righteous judgment of Jesus Christ, both now and in the last day. We believe in the resurrection of the dead; the righteous to life eternal and the wicked to endless condemnation.

Article XIII.—Public Worship

We believe divine worship is the duty and privilege of man who, in the presence of God, bows in adoration, humility and dedication. We believe divine worship is essential to the life of the church, and that the assembling of the people of God for such worship is necessary to Christian fellowship and spiritual growth.

We believe the order of public worship need not be the same in all places but may be modified by the church according to circumstances and the needs of men. It should be in a language and form understood by the people, consistent with the Holy Scriptures to the edification of all, and in accordance with the order and *Discipline* of the church.

Article XIV.—The Lord's Day

We believe the Lord's Day is divinely ordained for private and public worship, for rest from unnecessary work, and should be devoted to spiritual improvement, Christian fellowship and service. It is commemorative of our Lord's resurrection and is an emblem of our eternal rest. It is essential to the permanence and growth of the Christian church, and important to the welfare of the civil community.

Article XV.—The Christian and Property

We believe God is the owner of all things and that the individual holding of property is lawful and is a sacred trust under God. Private property is to be used for the manifestation of Christian love and liberality, and to support the church's mission in the world. All forms of property, whether private, corporate or public, are to be held in solemn trust and used responsibly for human good under the sovereignty of God.

Article XVI.—Civil Government

We believe civil government derives its just powers from the sovereign God. As Christians we recognize the governments under whose protection we reside and believe such governments should be based on, and be responsible for, the recognition of human rights under God. We believe war and bloodshed are contrary to the gospel and spirit of Christ. We believe it is the duty of Christian citizens to give moral strength and purpose to their respective governments through sober, righteous and godly living.

¶ 93. THE GENERAL RULES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**The Nature, Design, and General Rules of Our United Societies**

In the latter end of the year 1739 eight or ten persons who appeared to be deeply convicted of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption, came to Mr. Wesley in London. They desired, as did two or three more the next day, that he would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads. That he might have more time for this great work, he appointed a day when they might all come together, which from thenceforward they did every week, namely, on Thursday in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join with them (for their number increased daily), he gave those advices

from time to time which he judged most needful for them, and they always concluded their meeting with prayer suited to their several necessities.

This was the rise of the **United Society**, first in Europe, and then in America. Such a society is no other than "*a company of men having the form and seeking the power of godliness, united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation.*"

That it may the more easily be discerned whether they are indeed working out their own salvation, each society is divided into smaller companies, called **classes**, according to their respective places of abode. There are about twelve persons in a class, one of whom is styled the **leader**. It is his duty,

1. To see each person in his class once a week at least, in order: (1) to inquire how his soul prospers; (2) to advise, reprove, comfort, or exhort, as occasion may require; (3) to receive what he is willing to give toward the relief of the preachers, church, and poor.

2. To meet the ministers and the stewards of the society once a week, in order: (1) to inform the minister of any that are sick, or of any that walk disorderly and will not be reproved; (2) to pay the stewards what he has received of his class in the week preceding.

There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these societies—"a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." But wherever this is really fixed in the soul it will be shown by its fruits.

It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced, such as:

The taking of the name of God in vain.

The profaning the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein or by buying or selling.

Drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity.

Slaveholding; buying or selling slaves.

Fighting, quarreling, brawling, brother going to law with brother; returning evil for evil, or railing for railing; the using of many words in buying or selling.

The buying or selling goods that have not paid the duty.

The giving or taking of things on usury—that is, unlawful interest.

Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation; particularly speaking evil of magistrates or ministers.

Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.
Doing what we know is not for the glory of God, as:

The putting on of gold and costly apparel.

The taking of such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The singing those songs, or reading those books, which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

Softness and needless self-indulgence.

Laying up treasure upon earth.

Borrowing without a probability of paying; or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

It is expected of all who continue in these societies that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation.

Second: By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men:

To their bodies, of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison;

To their souls, by instructing, reproving, or exhorting all we have any intercourse with; trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine, that "we are not to do good unless *our hearts be free to it.*"

By doing good, especially to them that are of the household of faith or groaning so to be; employing them preferably to others; buying one of another; helping each other in business; and so much the more because the world will love its own and them *only*.

By all possible diligence and frugality, that the gospel be not blamed.

By running with patience the race which is set before them, denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and offscouring of the world; and looking that men should say all manner of evil of them *falsely*, for the Lord's sake.

It is expected of all who desire to continue in these societies that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

Third: By attending upon all the ordinances of God; such are:

The public worship of God.

The ministry of the Word, either read or expounded.

The Supper of the Lord.

Family and private prayer.

Searching the Scriptures.

Fasting or abstinence.

These are the General Rules of our societies; all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written Word,

which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all these we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observes them not, who habitually breaks any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul as they who must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways. We will bear with him for a season. But, if then he repent not, he hath no more place among us. We have delivered our own souls.

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PREFACE

The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church, parties to the Plan of Union, have demonstrated a concern for social justice and have taken forthright positions on controversial issues involving Christian principles. John Wesley's opposition to the slave trade and to smuggling was an early expression of work for social justice. Involvement in struggle for social justice has become an increasingly important part of the Wesleyan tradition.

The Methodist Social Creed and the Evangelical United Brethren Standards of Moral and Social Conduct are in agreement basically. The differences are largely phraseology or emphasis.

The Methodist Social Creed was adopted in 1908 by the General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church (North) meeting in Baltimore. It was a prophetic landmark in the enunciation of Christian conviction on economic issues. That same year the newly formed Federal Council of Churches voted to accept a statement, *The Social Ideals of the Churches*, based upon it. In 1914 The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in 1916 The Methodist Protestant Church adopted Social Creeds. The Uniting Conference of these three branches in 1939 adopted a Social Creed.

The Uniting Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church in 1946 endorsed a statement on social beliefs based on the position

of the two uniting churches on social issues, patterned after the statements of the Federal Council of Churches.

Social statements of both The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church have been reviewed and revised by successive General Conferences to take into account new and changing social conditions. Both churches have been responding to rapid social change and complexity by increased activity of research, education and action in social concerns.

The Methodist Social Creed and the Evangelical United Brethren Standards of Moral Conduct are important historical documents. The Plan of Union takes this into account by recording the text of each.

Part III

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

¶ 94. THE METHODIST SOCIAL CREED

“We instruct those in charge of publishing the *Discipline* to include the Social Creed, with such revisions as may be adopted from time to time, in all future editions unless other directions are received from the General Conference.”—*Discipline*, 1940.

I. OUR HERITAGE.—The interest of The Methodist Church in social welfare springs from the gospel, and from the labors of John Wesley, who ministered to the physical, intellectual, and social needs of the people to whom he preached the gospel of personal redemption.

In our historic position we have sought to follow Christ in bringing the whole of life, with its activities, possessions, and relationships, into conformity with the will of God.

As Methodists we have an obligation to affirm our position on social and economic questions.

II. OUR THEOLOGICAL BASIS.—The Methodist Church must view the perplexing times and problems which we face today in the light of the life and teachings of Jesus. Jesus taught us to love our neighbors and seek justice for them as well as for ourselves. To be silent in the face of need, injustice, and exploitation is to deny him.

We believe that God is Father of all peoples and races, that Jesus Christ is his Son, that all men are brothers, and that each person is of infinite worth as a child of God.

We believe that “the earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof.” Our own capacities and all we possess are gifts of the Creator, and should be held and used in stewardship to him.

We believe that God in Christ is seeking to redeem all men and also society. This redemption is a continuing necessity.

We believe that the grace of God in Christ is available for redemption from individual and social sin as we seek in penitence and obedience to do his holy will.

We believe that all persons have supreme value in the sight of God, and ought to be so regarded by us. We test all institutions and practices by their effect upon persons. Since Jesus died for the redemption of all men, we believe we should live to help save man from sin and from every influence which would harm or destroy him.

III. OUR DECLARATION OF SOCIAL CONCERN.—Applying the foregoing principles, The Methodist Church declares itself as follows:

A. *The Family*.—We seek equal rights and justice for all persons; protection of the individual and the family by high standards of morality; Christian education for marriage, parenthood, and the home; adequate housing; improved marriage and divorce laws.

We believe that the church must be vitally concerned with the health and welfare needs of all people, first within the family, and, where necessary, through institutional care with high standards of scientific service and Christian dedication.

We believe that planned parenthood, practiced with respect for human life, fulfills rather than violates the will of God. It is the duty of each married couple prayerfully and responsibly to seek parenthood, avert it, or defer it, in accordance with the best expression of their Christian love. Families in all parts of the world should have available to them necessary information and medical assistance for birth control through public and private programs. This issue must be seen in reference to the pressing population problem now before the whole world.

We believe it is the plain responsibility of the family, as it is also the deep concern of the community, that the welfare of children whose mothers are employed outside the home be safeguarded. This responsibility includes provision for the protection, education, spiritual nurture, and wholesome recreation of every child, and for religious and educational programs which will secure these ends.

B. *Economic Life*.—1. *Christianity and the Economic Order*.—With full acknowledgment of stewardship under God and accountability to him, we stand for the acquisition of property by moral processes and the right to private ownership thereof. We refuse to identify Christianity with any economic system. We are under obligation to test each

aspect of every economic order by the commands of Christ and judge its practices by the Christian gospel. We believe that it is our duty not only to bring Christ to the individual, but also to bring the increasingly technological society within which we live more nearly into conformity with the teachings of Christ. We believe that a free democratic way of life, influenced by Christian principles, can bring to mankind a society in which liberty is preserved, justice established, and brotherhood achieved.

We believe in the use of such opportunities for political action as are consistent with Christian principles. We urge Christians to view political responsibilities as an opportunity for Christian witness and service.

2. *Responsible Use of Power.*—The Christian point of view demands that concentrations of power in government, labor, business, and religious organizations be used responsibly. The task of the church in this regard is to help people in positions of power and the organizations which they serve to achieve and exercise a high level of social responsibility.

3. *Poverty and Unemployment.*—We believe that the economic development which makes possible material plenty for all imposes upon us great moral responsibility, in that the physical and spiritual development of millions of persons throughout the world is hindered by poverty. We therefore stand for the eradication of poverty everywhere.

We believe it is our Christian duty to provide opportunities for education and training for people to earn a living for themselves and their dependents, so that they may take advantage of new technology.

Lack of significant employment tends to destroy human self-respect. We believe that employable workers must be safeguarded from enforced unemployment.

4. *Wealth.*—We recognize the perils of prosperity. Our Lord has told us that we cannot serve God and mammon. As Christians we must examine earnestly before God our personal and business practices, lest we adopt the standards and assumptions of a materialistic society. Churches and their institutions as well as individuals own property, invest funds, and employ labor. In these areas practices and relationships must conform to the highest Christian standards.

5. *Working Conditions.*—We oppose all forms of social, economic, and moral waste. We urge the protection of the worker from dangerous and unsanitary working conditions, and from occupational diseases.

We stand for reasonable hours of labor, for just wages, for a fair day's work for a fair day's wages, for just work-

ing conditions, for periods of leisure, and for an equitable division of the product of industry.

We believe special protection should be provided for women and children, as well as migrant workers and others especially vulnerable to exploitation.

6. *Social Benefits for Workers.*—We stand for public and private programs of economic security for old age, for adequate insurance covering sickness and injury to the worker, and for increased protection against those preventable conditions which produce want.

7. *The Right to Organize for Collective Bargaining.*—We stand for the right of employees and employers alike to organize for collective bargaining, protection of both in the exercise of their right, the responsibility of both to bargain in good faith, and the obligation of both to work for the public good.

8. *Town and Country Life.*—We recognize the basic significance of town and country areas in relation to population supply, natural resources, community life, and Christian culture. We believe farmers, other agriculture workers, and those displaced by mechanization should have opportunity to earn a fair income.

Methodism, because of its large town and country membership and world-wide impact, must lead in developing an adequate Christian program in rural areas everywhere. This should pertain to people in their relationship to God, to the stewardship of the soil and the conservation of all natural resources, and to family, church, and community welfare.

9. *Urban Life.*—We believe the inner city to be a mission field crying out for bold new creative ways of witness. Here is emerging a pagan generation committed to values that run counter to those of the Christ. Therefore we call our urban congregations to a deeper involvement in neighborhood life. We call the Church to come into the city for Christ's sake, there to touch all forgotten persons with his compassion.

10. *Christian Vocation.*—We believe that every employable person so far as possible should be engaged in some vocation productive of common good. Every such vocation should be viewed as a Christian calling by those who pursue it as well as by those who receive its benefits, and our daily work should be regarded as a sphere of service to God. The creative use of leisure is also a major responsibility for the Christian.

C. *The Church and General Welfare.*—The Church is called to be a redeeming community of discerning Christian love—a fellowship of those who confess their sin, who re-

joy in the love of God freely given, and who commit themselves continually to spiritual excellence in every facet of life.

1. *Alcohol Problems.*—We believe that the Christian principle of love for God and neighbor calls us to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and to minister to those victimized by their use. The use of beverage alcohol imperils the abundant life to which Christ calls us. This is especially true in an organized and mechanized society. Individuals and families are destroyed by its use. We join with men of good conscience who seek to overcome the social, economic, and moral waste which this indulgence has created. The Church must become a healing and redemptive fellowship for those who suffer because of beverage alcohol.

2. *Crime and Rehabilitation.*—We stand for the application of the redemptive principle in treating law offenders and for study and action directed toward the improvement of laws, correctional facilities and services, and court procedures in order to facilitate rehabilitation. For this reason we deplore capital punishment.

We do not believe an individual should be excused from his personal responsibility to society; but we recognize that crime, and in particular juvenile delinquency leading to crime, is often a result of family failure and bad social conditions. Christian citizens and churches have a special opportunity and responsibility for creating those conditions of family life and social surroundings, wholesome recreation, vocational training, personal counseling, and social adjustment by which crime may be reduced, and offenders rehabilitated and redeemed by God's grace.

3. *Gambling.*—We stand for the achievement of community and personal standards which make unnecessary the resort to petty or commercial gambling as a recreation, escape, or producer of public or charitable revenue. As an act of faith and love, Christians should abstain from all gambling, and should participate in efforts to minister to those victimized by the practice, including compulsive gamblers.

4. *Mental Health and Medical Care.*—We stand for the provision of adequate medical care for all people, with special attention being given the aging, the young, and minority and low income groups. We strongly favor the healing ministries of the Church and other private groups. We support our government, individuals, and foundations in required research in public health; and we support legislation to meet these needs.

We believe that adequate facilities with professionally trained staff must be made available for the emotionally ill and the mentally retarded of every community. We also believe that churches may become spiritual centers of healing through worship, pastoral concern, and volunteer service for the emotionally ill.

5. *Drug Abuse*.—We seek to overcome those social and psychological forces which lead so large a part of our society to unhealthful dependence upon tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. The illicit traffic in drugs cannot be tolerated. Society must provide through public and private facilities for the treatment, rehabilitation, and after-care of narcotic addicts and other victims of drug abuse.

6. *Sex in Christian Life*.—We believe that sexual intercourse within holy matrimony with fidelity and love is a sacred experience and constitutes a needed expression of affection. We also believe that sexual intercourse outside the bonds of matrimony is contrary to the will of God. The outrageous exploitation of the strong forces underlying sexual experience is a destructive element of our culture. It not only distorts the meaning of sex experience but constitutes a blasphemous disregard of God's purpose for men and women. A case in point is the distribution of hard-core pornographic and other sex-exploitive material. We advocate thorough educational efforts in home, church, and school designed to elevate our whole understanding of the meaning of sexual experience.

7. *Social Welfare*.—We believe that meeting human need is both a private and a community responsibility. Adequate public assistance should be made available to all persons solely on the basis of need. Every individual should provide for his own needs and share responsibility for the needs of others to the full extent of his ability, but we believe that no person in an affluent society should be demoralized because of unmet need.

D. *Human Rights*.—1. *Freedom from Discrimination*.—We stand for equal rights for all racial, cultural, and religious groups, and insist that the principles set forth in this creed apply to all alike. The right to choose a home, enter a school, secure employment, vote, and have access to public accommodations should be guaranteed to all regardless of race, culture, national origin, social class, or religion. Neither should any person be denied equal political, economic, or legal rights or opportunities because of sex.

That the Church should ever refuse access to worship or membership in its fellowship to any person because of race, color, or national origin is contrary to our fundamental Christian convictions.

2. *Civil Liberties and Civil Rights*.—We stand for freedom of speech, assembly, and press and broadcasting. The fundamental responsibility in the use of these freedoms and the justification of their exercise is adherence to the truth.

We stand for the right of all individuals and groups to advocate any peaceful and constitutional method for the solution of the problems that confront society.

E. *Peace and World Order*.—We believe that Christianity cannot be nationalistic; it must be universal in its outlook and appeal. The influence of the church must always be on the side of every effort seeking to remove those conditions of heart and mind, of social, economic, and international injustice, and of ideological conflict in which wars begin.

We must actively and constantly create the conditions of peace. We stand for the promotion of understanding, reconciliation, and good will; the relief of suffering, the lifting of living standards around the world; concern for the freedom and welfare of dependent and subject persons; the removal of racial tensions; the taking of steps toward disarmament; and the support of patient negotiations.

1. *International Organization*.—We believe that the United Nations is a working center of international cooperation which provides the most hopeful avenue leading to peace and world order. The United Nations with its related agencies should be strengthened through governmental cooperation and support. This effort deserves the support of all Christians. The Church itself, as a world fellowship, makes an important contribution to the development of world order.

2. *The Christian and Military Service*.—The Methodist Church, true to the principles of the New Testament, teaches respect for properly constituted civil authority. It encourages both love of country and love of all men. Believing that government rests upon the support of its conscientious citizens, it holds within its fellowship those who sincerely differ as to the Christian's duty in regard to military service. We ask and claim exemption by legal processes from all forms of military preparation or service for all religious conscientious objectors, as for those of the historic peace churches. We recognize the right of the individual to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his Christian conscience. We also recognize that non-violent resistance can be a valid form of Christian witness. In all of these situations members of The Methodist Church have the authority and support of their church.*

* See Judicial Council Decision 25.

IV. OUR MANDATE: READ, STUDY, APPLY.—We recommend that this Social Creed be presented to our congregations orally or in printed form at least once a year, and that frequent references be made to it. Every local church shall encourage the study of the Social Creed and seek to apply its principles.

¶ 95. EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN BELIEFS REGARDING SOCIAL ISSUES

The church from its beginning has believed in social welfare and moral reform, and has labored to bring the whole of life with all its activities, possessions and relationships into conformity with the will of God. The church is persuaded that in Jesus Christ alone are to be found the cure for industrial, economic and social ills, and salvation from the sins that beset and curse society and block its progress.

The church, therefore, is convinced that it should minister to the physical, intellectual and social needs of those to whom it preaches the gospel of personal redemption, and should guide them in an intelligent and faithful endeavor to improve human conditions and to Christianize every area of human life. The church should cooperate with worthy movements in the community, nation and world for physical development, intellectual growth, social betterment and spiritual enrichment.

Church and Economic Life

Economic Order.—The church advocates equal rights and justice for all men in all stations of life; the protection of the family; the fullest possible development and protection of childhood; pensions for the aged; the conservation of health; the elimination of poverty; the equitable distribution of the products of agriculture and of industry; the abolishment of unemployment; a living wage in every vocation and economic justice to all; release from employment for every person of at least one day in seven; such conditions of labor and relationship between employer and employee as will guarantee common justice and social security, and the full acknowledgment of rights and responsibilities on the part of both employers and employees in terms of human welfare. The church advocates simple, just, honest, unselfish and spiritual living, and stands not for an aristocracy of wealth, power and position, but for an aristocracy of character, culture and service.

Community Life

Amusements.—All members of the church are urged to refrain from patronizing any entertainment or place of

amusement that is not above reproach, and from any diversion that cannot be practiced in the name of Christ. Strict censorship of motion pictures in order to protect society from evident evils is advocated.

Citizenship.—The church believes that every Christian is obligated to respect, support and obey properly constituted civil authority, and faithfully perform his civic duties, and, through sober, righteous and godly living, give moral strength and purpose to his country. The church declares its devotion to the nation and pledges its loyalty to the government under whose protection it resides, and offers unceasing prayers for those in rightful authority, that there may be that justice, righteousness, freedom and tranquility which are the people's most precious possessions.

Stewardship of Time.—The church believes in the proper use of time. The waste and misuse of idle hours, and the exploitation of leisure by selfish and unprincipled interests, obligate every church to provide wholesome activities, and to cooperate with others in presenting opportunities for the wise and constructive use of otherwise unoccupied time through worship, music, reading, study, fellowship, recreation and service activities.

The Lord's Day.—The Lord's Day is ordained of God for rest from labor, spiritual improvement and kingdom extension. The perpetuity of civil liberties and religious institutions demands its proper observance. The church is concerned with the growing tendency toward the commercialization of Sunday and the growing apathy toward attendance upon the worship services of the church. Sunday is a hallowed day commemorating our Lord's resurrection. By worship, fellowship and Christian service we glorify our risen Lord. The church calls for the voluntary closing of all nonessential commercial enterprises on Sunday, refraining from unnecessary labor and worldly pleasures, and urges its members to do good to others and engage in those things which contribute to spiritual growth.

Family Life

Marriage.—Marriage is an institution of divine appointment, upon the proper establishment of which are conditioned human happiness and well-being and the maintenance of the most important factor of civilization—the Christian home. Virtue and morality in society, stability and permanence of free government can be had only as the Christian home is maintained in its integrity.

In view of the gravity of the interests involved in marriage, the church admonishes all young people as follows:

(1) To cherish only worthy and ennobling thoughts on the subject of courtship and marriage.

(2) To avoid undue haste, and practice intelligent deliberation in every step pertaining to this matter.

(3) To enter into marriage only after a favorable personal acquaintanceship sufficient to insure compatibility and the blessings of a Christian home, and to do so only when it can be "in the Lord" (I Cor. 7:39) and thus avoid being "mismatched with unbelievers" (II Cor. 6:14) in life's most intimate relationship.

Divorce.—Since marriage is of divine appointment and the union of one man and one woman entered into mutually, it is sacred and morally binding so long as both shall live and ought not be dissolved at will. When human failure results in placing the marriage in jeopardy, the church strongly urges the persons involved to seek counsel with their minister in order to effect reconciliation so that the marriage may be preserved. The church does not sanction nor condone divorce except on the ground of adultery.

Ministers of the church shall not solemnize any marriage without first counseling earnestly with the couple. Whenever divorced persons seek marriage through the church, ministers may solemnize such marriages *only* after having ascertained the circumstances through counsel with those persons involved, and after they are satisfied that the divorced persons have sought for and received forgiveness and are seeking a genuine Christian relationship not only in marriage but with God. Ministers may, if it seems desirable, consult with fellow ministers and/or local church officials.

Responsible Parenthood.—The result of a rising birth rate, the decrease of infant mortality, the increase in longevity and improved general health have created the increasing world population. To meet this situation, the church affirms: (1) that the members uphold the highest standards of love and marriage and urgently teach young people to sanctify marital relationships; (2) that the parents assume the responsibility of planning at long range the family they hope to establish, and plan wisely the spacing of children and provide moral guidance and spiritual nurture for all members of the family; and (3) that the married persons regard as ethically and morally right the proper use of methods and techniques, medically approved, for the purpose of achieving planned and responsible parenthood.

Literature.—The church views with alarm the widespread circulation and reading of salacious literature giving false and degrading views of life, polluting the mind and undermining character. The church urges its members to

do all in their power to remove such harmful literature from the homes, libraries and newsstands of their communities. Furthermore, the church urges its members to procure literature that is clean, inspiring and productive of Christian character. Wholesome literature that meets the demand for information, adventure and romance should be furnished. An ample supply of denominational periodicals and books should be found in every home and church.

Moral and Social Conduct

Alcoholic Beverages.—Science and human experience agree in condemning alcoholic beverages as useless, damaging and injurious.

The manufacturing and vending of alcoholic liquors are contrary to the best interests of personal and social morality, economy and welfare. Voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants is the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic beverages is the duty of civil government.

The manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as beverage, the renting and leasing of property to be used for the manufacture or sale of such liquors, the signing of petitions for granting license, or the entering as bondsmen for persons engaged in the traffic in intoxicating liquors, are strictly prohibited.*

Narcotics.—The church is strongly opposed to the illegal use of habit-forming drugs since the use of, or participation in the illegal traffic of habit-forming drugs, unless medically prescribed, is strictly prohibited. Members of the church are urged to make every effort possible to combat this menace to society.

Tobacco.—The church believes that the use of tobacco in any form is injurious and a needless waste of money which could and should be otherwise applied. All members of the church are urged to abstain from its use.

Gambling.—Gambling is a menace to society, destructive of good government and deadly to the best interests of moral, social and spiritual life. All members of the church are expected to abstain from gambling in any form.

Temperance.—Temperance, in its wider meaning, is a Christian virtue, enjoined by the Holy Scriptures, and implies control of all emotions, passions and appetites. It means the proper use of wholesome food and drink, and the entire abstinence from such that are known to be harmful.

* This law has been in effect since the earliest days of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and of The Evangelical Church.

Racial and Cultural Relations

Human Relations.—The church respects human personality which is inherent in every race, nation and creed. We believe that the Bible teaches that there is no basis whatsoever for a belief in the superiority or inferiority of any people. Therefore, the church protests against all acts and practices of discrimination which are based upon racial, national, creedal or social differences. "He made from one, every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth." (Acts 17:26.)

The church, following the example of Jesus Christ, upholds the rights and privileges of every individual as clearly defined in the Bible. The church calls upon all her members to commit their attitudes, their actions and their influences in faithful witness to this fact. The church opposes segregation which is based upon differences of racial or national origin as a sin against God and man. The church must continually examine her teachings and practices to be certain that no violations of human rights are being committed within her fellowship or by the church toward the world. The church must motivate, inspire and encourage the establishing of fair practices, legislation and law enforcement which are in harmony with the gospel as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian people, under the leadership of the church, must work for the establishing of equal opportunities for employment, education, housing, public accommodation and other privileges of citizenship, and must cooperate with other organizations which seek these ends, so that in harmony with the spirit and teachings of Jesus, men may live together in love and fellowship.

Slavery.—The church regards the traffic in human beings and the institution of slavery as infamous evils, and therefore all salvery, in every sense of the word, is totally prohibited and shall in no way be tolerated by the church.

World Order

War and Peace.—The church believes that war and bloodshed are contrary to the Christian conception of human welfare and violate the basic principles of universal brotherhood, and therefore are not compatible with the gospel and spirit of Christ. The church also believes that a warless world is the ideal toward which all men and all nations should strive; that such an order is possible if men will follow the way of him who is the Prince of Peace; and that it is therefore the duty of every Christian to promote peace and good will, and to foster the spirit of understanding, mutual trust and cooperation among all the peoples and nations of the world. God alone is the Lord of the conscience.

Therefore, the church recognizes the right of the individual member to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his conscience and his sense of duty. It also recognizes the right of those who for the sake of conscience feel they cannot participate in war in any sense whatsoever.

International Relations.—The church is convinced that the welfare of the human family is best secured by an honest recognition of the interdependence of the nations and the races of all the world, and that international and interracial cooperation is obligatory upon every nation and people in order that there may be common understanding among all and security for all.

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REPORT NO. 4

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON E.U.B. MERGER

Adopted as Amended November 10, 1966
See Journal, page 2676.

PLAN OF UNION
 ENABLING LEGISLATION

1. The term "the Plan of Union" shall include:
 Enabling Legislation
 The Proposed *Discipline* for 1968

The latter includes:

- Historical Statement
- Part I—The Constitution
- Part II—Doctrinal Statements and The General Rules
- Part III—Social Principles
- Part IV—Organization and Administration

2. The Plan of Union shall be acted upon by The Evangelical United Brethren Church in accordance with the procedures required by its *Discipline*, namely:

It shall require for adoption a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the General Conference present and voting thereon (§ 178) but the "Enabling Legislation" and "Part I—The Constitution" shall require for adopting a three-fourths affirmative vote of the members of the General Conference present and voting thereon and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the aggregate number of members of all the Annual Conferences in North America, present and voting thereon (§ 177). Favorable action by the General Conference and the Annual Conferences shall be deemed in compliance with the church's Constitutional Law and author-

ity to remove from its Constitutional Law all material not covered by the new Constitution and to include to the extent appropriate such material elsewhere in the *Discipline*.

3. The Plan of Union shall be acted upon by The Methodist Church in accordance with the procedures required by its *Discipline*, namely:

It shall require for adoption a majority affirmative vote of the members of the General Conference present and voting thereon but the "Enabling Legislation" and "Part I—The Constitution" shall require for adoption a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting and a two-thirds majority of all members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting (§ 10-2)—unless the Judicial Council shall rule that a three-quarters majority is required. Favorable action by the General Conference and the Annual Conferences shall be deemed in compliance with the church's Constitution and authority to remove from its Constitution all material not covered by the new Constitution and to include to the extent appropriate such material elsewhere in the *Discipline*.

4. If the Plan of Union is adopted by the two 1966 General Conferences:

A. The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church shall forthwith send to their respective Annual Conferences for action in 1967 the "Enabling Legislation" and "Part I—The Constitution";

B. The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall make provision for the calling of a special session of its General Conference to meet in 1968 at the time and place of The Methodist Church General Conference of 1968.

C. The two General Conferences shall make provision for appropriate commissions to continue the study and perfection of Part IV Organization and Administration of the Plan of Union.

5. The Plan of Union having been adopted by the requisite votes of the respective Annual Conferences, in 1968 the two General Conferences shall meet separately for the transaction of any necessary business. Neither such General Conference, acting separately, shall have the right to alter or amend any part of the Plan of Union as adopted by the General Conferences of 1966.

6. Having completed their respective necessary business, the two General Conferences of 1968 shall unite for a Uniting Conference, all voting members of both General Conferences being voting members of the Uniting Conference; provided that, by vote of the Uniting Conference, it may at any time and from time to time suspend its business in order to permit the two General Conferences to meet separately

for the preparation of nominations for the boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church or other necessary business. The two churches shall establish a joint agency or commission charged with the duty of preparing an appropriate celebration of unification.

7. The Plan of Union shall become effective when, in the course of the Uniting Conference's service of unification, the President of the Board of Bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church shall announce, respectively, that the Plan of Union has been adopted by the requisite votes of their respective churches.

8. The Plan of Union contemplates that the administrative agencies of the church shall be unified and start functioning immediately upon the Plan of Union becoming effective, where necessary or advisable retaining separate units acting under the agency board. In unifying the work of the agencies there shall be, as between the two churches, an equitable distribution of administrative posts and no person presently employed shall be expected to serve at less than such person's compensation immediately prior to union. If as a result of unification of agencies, personnel are required to change residence, the agency responsible will be expected to make reasonable provision for the costs involved.

9. The objective toward which the new church moves is an inclusive church with no overlapping of Annual Conference boundaries. The Plan of Union contemplates that unification of church structure shall take place in steps as follows:

Step One

(A) Upon the Plan of Union becoming effective all Annual Conferences of both uniting churches will automatically become part of a Jurisdiction or a Central Conference or a Provisional Central Conference of the united church, in each case as shown on the attached schedule.

Step Two

(B) Wherever in a Jurisdiction or in a Central Conference or in a Provisional Central Conference Annual Conference boundaries overlap, the Annual Conferences involved shall designate committees or agencies to study the possibility of, and bring about as soon as practicable and mutually agreeable, the uniting or rearranging of Annual Conferences and Annual Conference boundaries to the end that there shall be no overlapping of Annual Conference boundaries. Whenever in the uniting or rearranging of An-

nual Conferences, an itinerent preacher in full connection with a particular Annual Conference shall be transferred to another Annual Conference, he shall automatically be in full connection with such other Annual Conference irrespective of any tests which such Annual Conference may have regarding the admission of new members.

(C) Annual Conferences shall not, for a period of twelve years following Union, have their names or boundaries changed without their consent. (§ 39) (Constitution Division Two, Section VII, Art. VI.) This shall not prevent voluntary action by Annual Conferences and it is anticipated that most, and perhaps all, such Annual Conferences will have taken steps necessary to eliminate overlapping with other Annual Conferences substantially prior to the expiration of the specified time. At the end of the twelve years, if any such Annual Conferences still remain, authority to eliminate overlapping by the redefining of Annual Conference boundaries will vest in the Jurisdiction (§ 24) (Constitution Division Two, Section IV, Art. V, Para. 4) or in the Central Conference (§ 27) (Constitution Division Two, Section V, Art. IV, Para. 4), as the case may be; but nothing herein contained shall be construed as preventing the elimination of Annual Conferences based on race.

(D) So far as the Annual Conferences formerly of the Methodist Central Jurisdiction are concerned, efforts shall be made to carry out the "Plan of Action for the Elimination of the Central Jurisdiction" as adopted by the Methodist General Conference of 1964. This Plan of Action outlines and urges a procedure designed to bring about the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction by September 1, 1967. The carrying out of the Plan of Action was entrusted by the General Conference to a quadrennial Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations consisting of twenty-four (24) members, four (4) from each Jurisdiction, the four members in each case constituting a Jurisdictional Commission. The General Conference Commission of twenty-four is specifically charged:

9. If by September 1, 1967, for any reason the Central Jurisdiction shall not have been dissolved by the procedures of Amendment IX (§ 47ix), the commission shall draft a plan for its termination to report to the General Conference of 1968.

The 1966 Session of the Methodist General Conference unmistakably expressed its determination to bring about not only the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction but also the merger of the separate Negro Annual Conferences formerly part of that Jurisdiction with the conferences of the Regional Jurisdictions and the elimination of any struc-

tural organization based on race. The resolution adopted by the General Conference and submitted by it to the other bodies named therein reads in part:

By the adoption of this resolution each Annual Conference, each Jurisdictional Conference, the General Conference, each College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops express their determination to do everything possible to bring about the elimination of any structural organization in The Methodist Church based on race at the earliest possible date and not later than the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972. They further express their earnest determination to do everything possible to develop greater understanding and brotherhood in Methodism as well as in the world.

Both denominations desire and intend that Union shall in no way delay or impede, but rather facilitate, strengthen, encourage and hasten such elimination of any racial structure or distinction. (See Journal, page 2732.)

Step Three

(E) The uniting of congregations will be encouraged wherever and whenever a single church can better serve the needs of the community.

10. The Uniting Conference, by majority vote unless otherwise specified, shall have the following authorities:

(A) To adopt rules of order and make provision for presiding officers.

(B) To amend or alter any part of "Part IV—Organization and Administration" of the *Discipline* which had been adopted in principle by the 1966 General Conferences, provided that if, upon a call, by motion of any delegate, seconded by another delegate from the same former denomination and supported by one-third of the members of that denomination voting, the members of the two former denominations shall vote separately, and in the case of such vote by denominations no such amendment or alteration shall be effective unless adopted by vote of a majority of the delegates coming from The Evangelical United Brethren Church and a majority of the delegates coming from The Methodist Church, in each case at the time present and voting.

(C) To approve the use of a name or names for the Church outside the United States and the translation of the name of the Church into languages other than English (see ¶ 2; Constitution Division One, Art. II).

(D) To recommend to the Annual Conferences of the Church proposals for Constitutional Amendments so that, the requisite votes having been taken in the Annual Confer-

ences (§ 63), such Constitutional Amendments can become effective upon the General Conference of 1972 (or of a special session of the General Conference called for an earlier date) having taken the requisite vote (§ 63). The Constitution, Division Six, Art. II, specifically provides that amendments to the Constitution may originate in either the General Conference or the Annual Conferences (§ 64).

(E) To elect members to the General Conference agencies of the Church for the quadrennium beginning in 1968 in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline*, § 718(1) which provides for the relative representation in such agencies upon nominations made as follows: For those members which are to come from The Evangelical United Brethren Church membership, upon nomination by that church arrived at by such procedures as that church may determine and for those members which are to come from The Methodist Church membership, upon nomination by that church arrived at by such procedures as that church may determine.

(F) To establish for The United Methodist Church (a) a fiscal year, and (b) the date to be used as the date of its founding.

(G) Anything in the Constitutional Law of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Constitution of The Methodist Church or the Constitution of The United Methodist Church (see § 52) to the contrary notwithstanding to assign bishops originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction, and not already assigned to a Regional Jurisdiction, and originally elected by The Evangelical United Brethren Church, who will be on the active list and eligible for assignment at the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1968, to the five Jurisdictions on the following basis: (A) There shall be assigned to each of the five Jurisdictions at least one bishop originally elected by The Evangelical United Brethren Church; (B) The bishops originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church and not already assigned shall be assigned so that there shall be one bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction and one bishop in the South Central Jurisdiction and one bishop in the Western Jurisdiction; and (C) There shall be assigned to the Northeastern Jurisdiction and the North Central Jurisdiction, in each instance, an additional bishop originally elected by The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The bishops originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction shall be assigned as recommended by The Methodist Council of Bishops and the bishops originally elected by The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be assigned as

recommended by that Church's Board of Bishops. These assignments shall become effective upon the opening of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1968.

This contemplates that there will come to the Union twenty-nine (29) active bishops originally elected by the Regional Jurisdictions, five (5) active bishops originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction and seven (7) active bishops originally elected by The Evangelical United Brethren Church, a total of forty-one (41). If before the Uniting Conference of 1968 there shall be a vacancy in the Board of Bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be entitled in accordance with its procedures to elect to fill the vacancy. If before the Uniting Conference of 1968 there shall be one or more vacancies in The College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, upon the Plan of Union being adopted by the requisite vote in the Annual Conferences of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of The Methodist Church, the Central Jurisdiction shall be entitled at a special session to elect to fill the vacancy or vacancies. On the basis of the Plan of Union and within the formula based on current membership, each Regional Jurisdiction in its 1968 Jurisdictional Conference may if it so desires elect at least one new bishop.

During the interim between the opening of the Uniting Conference of 1968 and the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1968, all bishops shall continue Episcopal supervision of the Annual Conferences under their supervision at the time of the opening of the Uniting Conference.

At the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1968 each jurisdiction shall be entitled, but shall not be required, to elect additional bishops up to the number allowed. The number allowed shall be the number provided in the formula stated in the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church (see ¶ 380) plus a temporary increase for 1968-1972 quadrennium of one (1) (because of the assignment of a bishop originally elected by the Central Jurisdiction) but the prescribed quota otherwise provided for in the *Discipline* shall remain in force and in the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972 and thereafter new elections shall be made only up to the limit of such quota.

(H) To appoint special study commissions or ad hoc committees for the purposes of studying and making recommendations concerning creedal statements, statements of social principles, the structure and duties of boards and agencies or any other matters.

JURISDICTIONS AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES

North Central Jurisdiction

Canada	North Indiana
Central Illinois	North Iowa
Dakota	Northeast Ohio
Detroit	Northwest Indiana
East Wisconsin	Ohio
Illinois	Ohio East
Indiana	Ohio Miami
Indiana North	Ohio Sandusky
Indiana South	Ohio Southeast
Iowa	Rock River
Michigan (E)	South Dakota
Michigan (NC)	South Iowa
Minnesota (E)	Southern Illinois
Minnesota (NC)	West Wisconsin
North Dakota	Wisconsin

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Baltimore	Peninsula
Central New York	Philadelphia
Central Pennsylvania	Puerto Rico Provisional
Eastern	Southern New Jersey
Erie	Susquehanna
Maine	Troy
New England	Western New York
New England South	Western Pennsylvania (E)
New Hampshire	Western Pennsylvania (NE)
New York (E)	West Virginia (E)
New York (NE)	West Virginia (NE)
Northern New Jersey	Wyoming
Northern New York	

South Central Jurisdiction

Central Kansas	Nebraska (SC)
Central Texas	New Mexico
(Central West)	North Arkansas
Indian Mission	North Texas
Kansas (E)	Northwest Texas
Kansas (SC)	Oklahoma
Little Rock	Oklahoma-Texas
Louisiana (C)	Rio Grande
Louisiana (SC)	Southwest
Missouri	Southwest Texas
Missouri East	Texas (C)
Missouri West	Texas (SC)
Nebraska (E)	West Texas

Southeastern Jurisdiction

Alabama-West Florida	Louisville
Central Alabama	Memphis
Cuba	Mississippi (C)
Florida (C)	Mississippi (SE)
Florida (E)	North Alabama
Florida (SE)	North Carolina
Georgia	North Carolina-Virginia
Holston	North Georgia
Kentucky (E)	North Mississippi
Kentucky (SE)	South Carolina (C)

South Carolina (SE)	Upper Mississippi
South Georgia	Virginia (E)
Tennessee (E)	Virginia (SE)
Tennessee (SE)	Western North Carolina
Tennessee-Kentucky	

Western Jurisdiction

Alaska Mission	Oregon
California (E)	Pacific Northwest (E)
California-Nevada	Pacific Northwest (W)
Idaho	Rocky Mountain (E)
Montana (E)	Rocky Mountain (W)
Montana (W)	Southern California-Arizona
Northwest Canada (E)	

CENTRAL CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Africa Central Conference

Angola	Southeast Africa
Central Congo	Southern Congo
Rhodesia	

Southeastern Asia Central Conference

Malaya	Sarawak
Malaysia Chinese	Sarawak Iban Provincial

Southern Asia Central Conference

Agra	Lucknow
Bengal	Madhya Pradesh
Bombay	Moradabad
Delhi	North India
Gujarat	South India
Hyderabad	Nepal Mission

Central and Southern Europe

Austria Provisional	North Africa Provisional
Belgium	Poland
Bulgaria Provisional	Switzerland (M)
Czechoslovakia	Switzerland (E)
Hungary Provisional	Yugoslavia Mission

China Central Conference

Germany Central Conference

Central Germany (M)	South Germany (E)
Eastern Germany (E)	South Germany (M)
Northeast Germany (M)	Southwest Germany (M)
Northwest Germany (M)	West Germany (E)

Latin America Central Conference

Argentina	Uruguay
Bolivia	Costa Rica Provisional
Chile	Panama Provisional
Patagonia Provisional	Peru Provisional

Liberian Central Conference

Northern Europe Central Conference

Baltic and Slavic Provisional	Finland-Swedish Provisional
Denmark	Norway
Finland Provisional	Sweden

Philippines Central Conference

Middle Philippines	Philippines
Northern Philippines	Mindanao Provisional
Northwest Philippines	

Pakistan Provisional Central Conference

Indus River	Karachi Provisional
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Sierra Leone Provisional Central Conference

Sierra Leone

Episcopal Visitation

Hong Kong and Taiwan (M)

Note: (E) stands for Evangelical United Brethren; (M) Methodist; (C) Central Jurisdiction; (NC) North Central Jurisdiction; (NE) Northeastern Jurisdiction; (SC) South Central Jurisdiction; (SE) Southeastern Jurisdiction; (W) Western Jurisdiction.

At the time of Union some Annual Conferences as above listed may overlap Jurisdictional boundaries but pending realignment, this shall not be deemed a violation of the Constitution Division Two, Section VIII, Art. I (§ 40).

Bishops available for assignment in 1968 under the Plan of Union, elected by:

	Regional Juris.	Central Juris.	E.U.B.	Total
NC	6	1	2	9
NE	5	1	2	8
SC	7	1	1	9
SE	8	1	1	10
W	3	1	1	5
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	29	5	7	41

Now serving in:

Northeastern: Mathews, Booth, Taylor (elected by Central Juris.), Wicke, Ward, Lord. (To retire 1968—Corson, Holloway; Middleton died.)

North Central: Pryor, Webb, Thomas (elected by Central Juris.), Loder, Kearns, Ensley, Alton. (To retire 1968—Garrison, Raines, Nall.)

Southeastern: Smith, Goodson, Hunt, Hardin, Henley, Pendergrass, Short, Finger. (To retire 1968—Garber, Gum.)

South Central: Galloway, Pope, Stowe, Walton, Frank, Copeland, Slater. (To retire 1968—Martin, Smith.)

Western: Stuart, Kennedy, Palmer. (To retire 1968—Grant, Tippet.)

Central: Golden, Moore. (Harris died.)

E.U.B.: Kaebnick, Howard, Herrick, Mueller, Heininger, Milhouse, Sparks.

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REPORT NO. 5

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON E.U.B. MERGER

*Adopted in Principle November 11, 1966
See Journal, page 2776.*

PART IV

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Part IV—Organization and Administration includes pages 41-361 inclusive of a book titled "The Plan of Union" which was distributed to the delegates to the 1966 Adjourned Session of the 1964 General Conference. The provisions in Part IV are referred to the Uniting Conference to be held in 1968 provided the Proposed Constitution is ratified by the Annual Conferences of the two Churches.

2.

REPORT NO. 1.

**COMMISSION ON INTERJURISDICTIONAL
RELATIONS**

Section I Progress Report

Adopted November 8, 1966; See Journal, page 2588

Section II Majority Report

*Adopted November 9, 1966; See Journal, page 2626
Minority Report Defeated November 9, 1966; See Journal
page 2626*

Section III Financial Report

Adopted November 10, 1966; See Journal, page 2710
This report consists of three major divisions:

First: We bring a Progress Report concerning the changes that have occurred since union of The Methodist Church in 1939, and especially since the General Conference of 1964, with respect to the Central Jurisdiction and the Negro Annual Conferences.

Second: We submit our Recommendation for further implementation of Amendment IX and the Plan of Action adopted by the 1964 General Conference. This includes a Resolution which we urge the General Conference to adopt and to recommend for adoption by each Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, each Jurisdictional Conference, each College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops.

Third: We present a Financial Report containing information and recommendations regarding the assistance the entire church has been giving with respect to pensions and minimum salaries to the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and their successor Conferences where mergers have taken place, and our recommendations for more adequately and more equitably sharing the financial adjustments involved in the elimination of racial divisions from our church organization. We also refer to the problem of adequate support for the institutions formerly sponsored and supported by the Central Jurisdiction and its Conferences.

We ask that the Progress Report and the Recommendation with its proposed Resolution be considered, accepted and adopted directly by the General Conference. We suggest that the Financial Report be referred to the Committee on Conferences and the Council on World Service and Finance for their review before coming to the General Conference for action.

I. PROGRESS REPORT

A. Developments Between 1939 and 1964

Since union of The Methodist Church in 1939 the Central Jurisdiction has been the most obvious symbol of racial separation, though the Annual Conference more directly affects both clergy and laity. Prior to 1939 there had been in the former Methodist Episcopal Church 19 Negro Annual Conferences. In the other Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South and The Methodist Protestant Church, there were a number of local churches which had some Negro members, but with the exception of California, Minnesota, Buffalo and New York City, the predominantly Negro congregations were included in these 19 Conferences.

From the beginning, and increasingly over the years, there have been many in each Jurisdiction who have felt that church structure divided on racial lines is wrong, morally, sociologically and administratively. Ever since Union there has been in every Jurisdiction a growing desire and determination to abolish the Central Jurisdiction and

to merge the Negro Annual Conferences with the other Annual Conferences on a geographic basis.

On the other hand, there have always been, and still are, some in every Jurisdiction who have sincerely believed Negro Methodists have a great opportunity to develop leadership and effectively minister to those of their race through separate Annual Conferences and the Central Jurisdiction. Hence, over the years there has been on the one hand slow but continuing progress toward the elimination of racial structure in Methodism. On the other hand there have been efforts to maintain the existing system of organization, or at least to delay changes. We believe such changes are inevitable and desirable, eventually if not immediately. Where and when those believing in change constituted a substantial majority there has been change. There probably have been some instances in which local churches, either predominantly white or predominantly Negro, have been affected by structural change contrary to their own choice. There have been other instances where local churches have been held back by Conferences of which they were a part from proceeding with changes for which they were ready.

To date no Annual Conference has been part of any merger for which it did not vote by an overwhelming majority. Recently there have been Central Jurisdictional Conferences ready to transfer but unable to obtain the required legal approval of their Jurisdiction. Likewise there have been Annual Conferences ready to merge but unable to obtain the required legal approval of both the Central and Southeastern Conferences.

Every General Conference since Union has taken action intended to permit or accomplish the transfer of Negro churches from the separate Negro Annual Conferences. In 1944 the General Conference passed an enabling act so that certain new Negro work could be part of the Northeastern Jurisdiction. The Judicial Council held the enabling act legally insufficient for a change of jurisdictional boundaries, but approval was thereafter obtained from the Annual Conferences of the two Jurisdictions and the boundaries were changed by the 1948 General Conference.

The 1948 General Conference, with the approval of the General and Western Jurisdictions, similarly changed the boundaries of the two Jurisdictions so that the Negro churches in Arizona became part of the Southern California-Arizona Conference.

The 1952 General Conference adopted Paragraph 532 of the *Discipline* which was intended to simplify the procedure for the transfer of local churches from a Negro Annual

Conference to a Conference in one of the Regional Jurisdictions. That General Conference also passed a number of enabling acts to permit specific transfers if the necessary action should be taken by those directly involved.

In 1956 the issue of the Central Jurisdiction dominated the General Conference. There seemed to be general agreement that separate racial structure in The Methodist Church should be, and eventually would be, eliminated. The real questions were, first, whether the necessary changes should be brought about by *mandatory* legislation or by legislation facilitating and encouraging *voluntary* action, and secondly, how long the process would take.

After many days of study and debate the General Conference almost unanimously adopted Amendment IX to the Constitution. That amendment is intended to permit and encourage voluntary transfers of local churches or entire Conferences from the Central Jurisdiction where such change is desired by a substantial majority. It fixes no time table for completion of the process. It requires a 2/3rds vote in the church or Conference transferring, in the Conference or Jurisdiction from which they transfer, and also in the Conference or Jurisdiction to which the transfer is made.

Amendment IX was overwhelmingly ratified in each Jurisdiction and has been considered an expression of the will of the entire church that transfers and mergers should be facilitated wherever mutually desired. We believe the ratification of Amendment IX also evidenced an expectation and intention that the church is headed toward the elimination of any Jurisdiction or Annual Conference based on race.

During the 1956-60 quadrennium there was no substantial effort to transfer an Annual Conference. A few predominantly Negro churches were transferred into Conferences of the Western, North Central and Northeastern Jurisdictions. There were a number of other churches that voted to transfer, including several in Southeastern. The Conferences to which they sought transfer took favorable action, but the required approval was not obtained from the Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences of which those churches had been a part. A strong feeling had developed in those Conferences that they should not be gradually weakened by piecemeal disintegration through transfer of single churches. They considered it more desirable for transfers to involve all churches of at least a District, preferably an entire Conference, or better yet, all of the Conferences making up an Episcopal Area, with the bishop transferring to the regional Jurisdiction at the same time.

The 1960 General Conference debated at length whether

additional legislation should be adopted, either to facilitate or require transfers and mergers. The Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System, the predecessor of this Commission, reported that Amendment IX had not yet had sufficient time to accomplish its intended purpose. It recommended that each Annual Conference designate an appropriate committee to implement the process of transfer and to recommend programs of education and courses of action that would develop greater interracial brotherhood and would prepare for such changes.

During the 1960-64 quadrennium a plan was developed and recommended by our predecessor Commission for the transfer of the Annual Conferences constituting one Area of the Central Jurisdiction to Northeastern, one to North Central, one to South Central and two to Southeastern. In accordance therewith, in 1961 the Delaware, North Carolina and Washington Conferences, then constituting the Baltimore Area of the Central Jurisdiction, overwhelmingly voted to transfer to the Northeastern Jurisdiction. This action was approved almost unanimously by the Annual Conferences of Northeastern, but it did not obtain the necessary approval of the other Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction. Some felt that there had not been sufficient planning and preparation for the transfer, but the principal objection seemed to be the fact that the North Carolina Conference in its entirety, and some churches of both the Delaware and Washington Conferences, lay outside the geographic boundaries of the Northeastern Jurisdiction and should become part of the Southeastern Jurisdiction rather than Northeastern.

The Central Jurisdiction held a special study conference in March of 1962. That conference and the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction recommended that before any Annual Conference was transferred its boundaries should be realigned so it would lie entirely within the territory of one Regional Jurisdiction. A careful plan for such realignment was drawn.

In 1963 the three churches of the Central Jurisdiction in Colorado became part of the Rocky Mountain Conference through the process of Amendment IX. Since 1963 there has been within the boundaries of the Western Jurisdiction no church part of a separate Negro Annual Conference.

In 1963 and 1964 all of the Central Jurisdiction churches lying in the States of Nebraska and Kansas transferred into Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction.

In early 1964 when the New York and the New York East Conferences of the Northeastern Jurisdiction were

merging, eight churches formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction, transferred to Northeastern through the process of Amendment IX and became part of the new Annual Conference at the time of its organization.

The 1964 Conference again considered whether the Central Jurisdiction should be dissolved by Constitutional Amendment or whether further legislation and plans should be adopted to bring about voluntary change. Once again, the voluntary approach was followed.

The plan of action that was adopted urged all Jurisdictions and Annual Conferences to take such actions as would bring about the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction at as early a date as possible. The Council of Bishops was asked to declare its willingness to transfer bishops from the Central Jurisdiction to the Regional Jurisdictions upon request of the Jurisdictional Conferences. The Central Jurisdiction was asked to adopt its plan to realign the boundaries of its Conferences and Episcopal Areas so that each would lie entirely within one of the Regional Jurisdictions. The Regional Jurisdictional Conferences were asked to urge their Annual Conferences when feasible to vote in favor of transfer of the Central Jurisdictional Conferences, and to request the Council of Bishops to transfer the bishops of the Central Jurisdiction with the Conferences of their Areas.

The Plan contained the following:

Recommendation 4: That each Jurisdiction act, as promptly as details can be worked out and it is mutually agreeable, to merge Annual Conferences and in the process, establish a new Episcopal Area or Areas, and assign the bishop who came from the Central Jurisdiction to an Area.

Reason: The transfer of Annual Conferences is merely a first step. The timing of the second step—merging of Annual Conferences within a Jurisdiction—will be a Jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable.

Each Annual Conference was urged to designate a committee or commission to work out problems and adjustments involved in transfer of Annual Conferences and to discuss ways and means of merging Conferences. It was recommended that each Annual Conference vote for the transfer of the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and that each Conference of that Jurisdiction vote its approval for the transfer of any other Conference of the Central Jurisdiction which desired to transfer.

The 1964 General Conference also adopted numerous changes in the *Discipline* intended to facilitate transfers and mergers. In particular, funds were provided to assist the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction (and the Rio Grande

Conference) in raising their pension rates and minimum salary levels. Funds were also made available to help maintain such rates in other Conferences into which former Central Jurisdiction churches are merged.

The 1964 General Conference created this Commission and entrusted to it "The continuing program of The Methodist Church to abolish the Central Jurisdiction, promote interracial brotherhood through Christian love, and achieve a more inclusive church." This Commission was instructed to present this Progress Report to the November 1966 session and was directed that if the Central Jurisdiction is not dissolved by September 1, 1967, the Commission shall draft a plan for its termination to report to the General Conference of 1968. To assist the Commission the General Conference directed that each Jurisdiction should establish an Advisory Council to consider problems of adjustment related to transfers and mergers and to facilitate such transfers where they may be voted or impeded.

B. Progress Since the 1964 General Conference

Those members of this Commission attending the 1964 General Conference met prior to its adjournment to plan for the Annual Conference sessions that were beginning within two or three weeks. Members of the Commission and other responsible persons were then selected with respect to each Annual Conference of the Central, North Central and Northeastern Jurisdictions to see that the General Conference plan of action was presented to that Annual Conference, the resolutions for transfer and merger acted upon, and the legal requirements carefully observed. Similar delegation of specific responsibility was made with respect to each Jurisdictional Conference.

The Delaware, Washington and Lexington Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction in their 1964 sessions voted to transfer to the Regional Jurisdictions. Each of the other Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and all the Conferences of Northeastern and North Central voted to approve those transfers. The resolution for transfer of Lexington provided for its immediate dissolution and merger. Detailed plans for dissolution and merger of Delaware and Washington at a very early date had been made.

The Central Jurisdictional Conference realigned the boundaries of its Annual Conferences. The College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction drew the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas so that each lay entirely within one of the Regional Jurisdictions.

When the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference met in Syracuse on June 24, 1964, it was determined that all of

the necessary actions had been taken so that the Delaware and Washington Conferences, formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction, became by merger part of the Northeastern Jurisdiction. The Northeastern Jurisdiction requested that Bishop Taylor be transferred from the Central Jurisdiction. The Council of Bishops made that transfer. The Northeastern Jurisdiction fixed the residences of its bishops, and its College of Bishops determined the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas, so that Bishop Taylor became the Bishop of the New Jersey Area and the Delaware and Washington Conferences became part of the Washington Area. It was decided that they should continue as separate Conferences for just one more year, during which adjustments and plans for merger could be completed.

When the North Central Jurisdictional Conference met in Cleveland on July 8, 1964, it was determined that all necessary action had been taken so that the Lexington Annual Conference, formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction, became by merger part of the North Central Jurisdiction. The Jurisdictional Conference requested the Council of Bishops to transfer Bishop Thomas and the Council of Bishops did so. The North Central Jurisdictional Conference then immediately redrew the boundaries of all of its Annual Conferences so as to dissolve the Lexington Conference and include within each of the others the churches formerly in Lexington. The Jurisdictional Conference and the College of Bishops fixed the episcopal residences and the boundaries of the Areas so that Bishop Thomas became the Bishop of the Iowa Area. Since 1964 there has been within the boundaries of the North Central Jurisdiction no church that is part of a separate Negro Annual Conference.

In accordance with the previous action of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, at the close of their 1965 sessions the Delaware and Washington Conferences were dissolved and their churches merged with the other Annual Conferences of the Northeastern Jurisdiction. Since 1965 there has been within the boundaries of the Northeastern Jurisdiction no church that is part of a separate Negro Annual Conference.

In 1964 and 1965 the Advisory Councils of the Central and South Central Jurisdictions prepared a plan for transfers and mergers affecting those Jurisdictions. In 1965 the Annual Conferences of both Jurisdictions voted on two resolutions. The first provided for the transfer of the Central West Conference into South Central and its dissolution and merger with the Missouri East and Missouri West Conferences. This resolution was approved by the Central West and by the other Conferences of both Jurisdictions.

The second resolution provided for the transfer into South Central of all five of the Central Jurisdictional Conferences lying within the geographical limits of South Central, not only Central West but also the Louisiana, Southwest, Texas and West Texas Conferences. It contained the statement "by the adoption of this resolution, the Annual Conference declares its intent to accomplish the merger of all transferred Conferences not later than 1968." This resolution received considerably more than the necessary 2/3rds vote across the Conferences of South Central and was overwhelmingly adopted by the five Conferences of Central directly involved. It was disapproved, however, by seven of the other eight Conferences of Central and hence did not receive the required 2/3rds favorable vote of the entire Central Jurisdiction. Some expressed a feeling that the plans for subsequent merger of Conferences were not sufficiently definite, but the principal reason seemed to be a reluctance to see the Jurisdiction further fragmented and a desire that all the remaining Conferences of Central transfer at the same time, four into South Central and eight into Southeastern.

The voting on these two Resolutions was as follows:

Conference South Central Jurisdiction	Transfer and Merger of Central West		Transfer of All Five Conferences	
	For	Against	For	Against
Central Kansas	253	0	256	0
Central Texas	306	0	309	0
Kansas	182	0	183	0
Little Rock	184	1	147	44
Louisiana	200	16	215	239
Missouri East	287	0	287	0
Missouri West	318	0	343	0
Nebraska	191	0	173	0
New Mexico	147	2	163	2
North Arkansas	192	0	182	9
North Texas	306	0	291	0
Northwest Texas	230	0	222	0
Oklahoma	487	0	482	2
Rio Grande	89	0	89	0
Southwest Texas	275	0	293	0
Texas	351	0	345	1
Totals	3998	19	3980	297
Central Jurisdiction				
Central Alabama	106	0	1	104
Central West	42	3	42	1
Florida	83	0	0	83

Conference South Central Jurisdiction	Transfer and Merger of Central West		Transfer of All Five Conferences	
	For	Against	For	Against
Georgia	100	0	?	?
Louisiana	111	0	111	0
Mississippi	99	0	82	19
North Carolina	126	0	0	136
South Carolina	215	0	0	291
South West	45	0	45	0
Tennessee-Kentucky	135	0	0	128
Texas	118	2	120	0
Upper Mississippi	96	0	0	98
West Texas	108	0	91	0
Totals	1384	5	492	860

The resolution relating to the five Conferences is set forth as Appendix A to this report.

The Judicial Council was asked to determine whether the transfer and merger of Central West could be effective without specific action of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. The Judicial Council in Decision 233 held that action by the Jurisdictional Conference was not needed where the decision to merge was in conjunction with transfer and approved by a 2/3 vote across all the Annual Conferences of the Jurisdiction. Consequently, at the close of its 1966 session the Central West Conference was dissolved and its churches were merged with those of the Missouri East and the Missouri West Conferences. In the South Central Jurisdiction within the states of Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri there now is no church part of a separate Negro Annual Conference.

Elsewhere in the South Central Jurisdiction we believe mergers could be agreed upon either immediately or in the next year or two without major difficulty. Some of those mergers might have been accomplished by now had the other four Conferences been able to transfer into South Central in 1965. For example, the Oklahoma, New Mexico and Southwest Texas Conferences in 1965 voted overwhelmingly for merger with all of the Central Jurisdiction churches within their boundaries. Similarly, there appears to be widespread readiness for the dissolution of the West Texas Conference and merger of its churches with those of the overlapping Conferences of South Central.

The Central Jurisdiction now consists of three Episcopal Areas and twelve Annual Conferences. The Southwestern Area has four Conferences: Louisiana, Southwest, Texas and West Texas, and lies within the boundaries of the South Central Jurisdiction. The Atlantic Coast Area with five

Conferences: Central Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Upper Mississippi, and the Nashville-Carolina Area with three Conferences: Tennessee-Kentucky, North Carolina-Virginia and South Carolina, lie within the boundaries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The Advisory Councils of Central and Southeastern have met together on a number of occasions. There also have been meetings involving all three Jurisdictions. Our Commission has encouraged these meetings and partially financed them out of our budget, for we have felt it most desirable that a mutually agreeable plan be worked out by those most directly concerned. Despite sincere and repeated efforts, however, to date the Advisory Councils of Southeastern and Central have not been able to agree upon a resolution to recommend to their Annual Conferences.

As we understand it, both Advisory Councils have unanimously favored transfer of the eight Conferences of Central into the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The majority of those from the Central Jurisdiction, however, have felt that either a definite plan, or at the least an agreement upon a specific and early target date for merger of the transferred Annual Conferences, must be part of such a resolution. The General Conference of 1964 had declined to insist on a combination of both transfer and merger in such a single step. The majority of the Southeastern Advisory Council has felt the resolution should be limited to transfer of the Conferences and their bishops and that subsequent mergers should be a matter to be worked out in each case by the Conferences directly involved when mutually agreeable.

When agreement was not reached by the Advisory Councils, the Council of the Southeastern Jurisdiction submitted to its Annual Conferences a resolution containing those provisions that had been agreed upon by the two Councils. It contained the additional statement that where mergers are agreed upon by the overlapping Conferences they may proceed without further action of the other Annual Conferences of the Jurisdiction or the Jurisdictional Conference. The resolution also called for special sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences so the bishops could be transferred and the Central Jurisdiction dissolved prior to the 1968 General Conference. This resolution was approved by a substantial majority in each Conference of Southeastern and by far more than two-thirds across the Jurisdiction. The vote was as follows:

Conference	For	Against
North Georgia	454	187
South Georgia	296	207
Alabama-West Florida	240	174

Conference	For	Against
North Alabama	345	194
Western North Carolina	727	62
South Carolina	398	336
Florida	889	46
Mississippi	206	181
North Mississippi	115	93
Kentucky	255	2
Louisville	258	8
Holston	327	2
Memphis	222	34
Tennessee	197	7
North Carolina	366	141
Virginia	649	134
Totals	5944	1808

The resolution was not submitted to all of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, but those that did consider it disapproved. This resolution is set forth as Appendix B to this report.

The 1966 sessions of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference of the Central Jurisdiction and the North Carolina, Western North Carolina and Virginia Conferences of Southeastern also acted upon another resolution calling for the immediate transfer into Southeastern of the North Carolina-Virginia and its dissolution and merger with the other three Conferences. This resolution is set forth as Appendix C to this report. It was approved by the following vote:

Conference	For	Against
Western North Carolina	761	58
Virginia	629	294
North Carolina	253	174
Totals	1643	526
North Carolina-Virginia	117	11

The Judicial Council has been asked to determine whether a 2/3 vote in each Conference is required, but in any event, it does not appear that the action can yet be effective since the other eleven Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction did not vote on the resolution and hence have not approved the transfer of North Carolina-Virginia from the Central Jurisdiction. There also may be some doubt as to whether the vote of the Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to approve transfer of all eight Conferences would be effective to accomplish the transfer of the one. We believe that if particular approval of this transfer and merger is necessary

such approval can be obtained at the 1967 meetings of the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Somewhat similar actions were taken with respect to the transfer and merger of the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference of the Central Jurisdiction. That Conference overlaps five Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. In their 1966 sessions the Holston, Tennessee and Memphis Conferences overwhelmingly adopted resolutions favoring such transfer and merger. The resolutions were in somewhat different form though substantially the same in purport. The votes were as follows:

Conference	For	Against
Holston	344	2
Memphis	204	57
Tennessee	197	4
Totals	745	63

The foregoing Progress Report has been unanimously approved by the members of the Commission and is respectfully submitted.

II. RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT IX AND THE PLAN OF ACTION AS ADOPTED BY THE 1964 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Upon consideration of the developments reviewed in the foregoing Progress Report, the Commission concluded that we should present to the November 1966 Session of the General Conference not only that account of the very substantial and significant advances that have been made, but also our recommendations for action by this Session designed to bring about the early termination of all structures in The Methodist Church based on race.

The first question we had to decide was the same one that has been before us so many times, whether to recommend legislation or other action to encourage and facilitate *voluntary* transfers and mergers, or whether to propose legislation, including Constitutional Amendments, for *mandatory* change. We know there is growing concern and impatience throughout the church, and in large measure we share that feeling. We believe all will agree that persuasion resulting in voluntary action is preferable to compulsion, yet compulsion can sometimes be preferable to voluntary inaction.

After earnest consideration and study, our Commission has been so encouraged by the progress that has been made

and the many indications of readiness for additional action that we have unanimously concluded that at this time we should recommend, persuade and urge rather than compel. We have decided to submit to the General Conference a detailed plan and schedule. We also have drafted a specific Resolution for transmission to very Annual Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops for adoption in identical form to accomplish this purpose.

We believe the General Conference should and will overwhelmingly adopt this Resolution. We believe, that when it has thus become the established policy of the entire church, the same Resolution should and will be adopted and carried through to conclusion by the Annual Conferences and other groups and supported by the overwhelming majority of Methodists, both clergy and laity.

We recommend that the following actions be initiated:

1. 1967.

a. All required action should be taken for the merger of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference of the Central Jurisdiction with the Virginia, North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of Southeastern. This has already been approved by the four Conferences. Much of the wording of the Resolution that we are recommending has been taken directly from the form they prepared and adopted in 1966. By adopting the Resolution in 1967 these four Conferences will reaffirm their 1966 action, fix the effective date and approve the other provisions of the Resolution. The other eleven Conferences of Central and the Conferences of Southeastern by adopting the Resolution in 1967 will permit the transfer of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference to Southeastern and its merger with the other three in conjunction with such transfer. The logical effective date would be at the close of the 1967 session of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference, but it is necessary to have the approval of all the other Conferences of the two Jurisdictions plus tabulation and announcement by the two Colleges of Bishops. The action cannot be effective until such announcement is made, but that should not involve more than a few days delay.

b. The merger of the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference of the Central Jurisdiction with the Kentucky, Louisville, Memphis, Tennessee and Holston Conferences of Southeastern should be accomplished at the same time through adoption of the same Resolution by all the Conferences of the two Jurisdictions.

c. Transfer of the Louisiana, Southwest, Texas and West Texas Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction to the South

Central should be accomplished by adoption of the same Resolution by all the Annual Conferences of the two Jurisdictions, and should be accomplished effective in 1967 upon the announcement of the voting. Approval of the Resolution by the College of Bishops of South Central and by the Council of Bishops will transfer the bishop serving these four Conferences to the South Central Jurisdiction in 1967 for presidential service for one year under Paragraph 38 of the *Discipline*. The transfer will be made permanent by approval of the same Resolution by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1968. As hereinafter set forth, we believe that as soon as possible Episcopal Areas should be arranged so that no Area will be composed entirely of Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction. In this case, though, with only one year remaining in the quadrennium, we believe it advisable for the Episcopal Area to be kept intact, but only until 1968.

2. 1968

a. The General Conference should receive a report from our Commission and all possible additional information on the progress of the plan. It should carefully consider any additional legislation, recommendations or other actions that it could take to encourage and assist the process. The financial problems should be again considered and any necessary or desirable action taken.

b. As a result of the adoption of the Resolution by all the Annual Conferences of the two Jurisdictions in 1967, the transfer of the Central Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Upper Mississippi and South Carolina Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction to the Southeastern Jurisdiction will become effective at the close of the Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1968. The Central Jurisdiction will then be dissolved. The Central Jurisdictional Conference will be a final session. It will take all necessary legal action to transfer any Jurisdictional property or assets and will appoint a continuing board of trustees authorized to execute any legal documents or to do anything necessary to carry out the intention of the dissolution and of the mergers.

c. The adoption of the Resolution by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and its previous approval by the Council of Bishops will transfer to Southeastern the bishops who had been serving the Atlantic Coast and Nashville-Carolina Areas of the Central Jurisdiction, subject to the 1964 amendment to Paragraph 38 of the Constitution, by which there may be other transfers of bishops among the Jurisdictions so that all bishops may be assigned for residential supervision where it is believed they can be of greatest service to the church.

d. The adoption of the Resolution by the Jurisdictional Conferences and the Colleges of Bishops of South Central and Southeastern will result in arrangement of Episcopal Areas so that no Area is composed solely of Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction. We feel it essential that as soon as possible and insofar as possible Episcopal Areas shall not overlap. As we work toward merger of Conferences, a bishop serving both predominantly Negro and predominantly white churches in the same geographical territory can much better encourage and direct the necessary planning and adjustment for merger of Conferences than could two bishops.

e. Other mergers of Annual Conferences. We believe it quite probably that one or more of the four Conferences transferring into South Central in 1967 or one or more of the six transferring into Southeastern in 1968 can be merged with the overlapping Conferences at the close of the 1968 Jurisdictional Conferences. In such cases the Conferences directly involved should prepare resolutions to accomplish that purpose. They should adopt them and they should be adopted in identical form by the other Conferences of the Jurisdictions involved.

f. Conferences that have already merged should be carefully studying the results and should do whatever seems necessary to make the merger more effective, work out any remaining problems of adjustment, encourage open itinerancy, etc.

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The process of merger of Annual Conferences should continue just as rapidly as possible. There should be no session of any Annual Conference where merger has not yet taken place without earnest and serious consideration as to what can be done immediately and what can be planned for the coming year. The Annual Conferences of both Jurisdictions having adopted the basic Resolution in 1967 and the Jurisdictional Conference having given its approval in 1968, all that will be necessary thereafter is a simple resolution of merger adopted by a majority vote of each Annual Conference directly involved, fixing the effective date in each case.

We must always remember, however, that elimination of any racial structure does not by itself accomplish our real aim, the development of a genuinely inclusive church. By the adoption of these recommendations we pledge ourselves individually and collectively to do all we can at all times to build a church to serve all people and to unite all of their abilities and efforts in brotherhood for worship and service of God.

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL
STRUCTURE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER
UNDERSTANDING AND BROTHERHOOD IN THE
METHODIST CHURCH**

1. By the adoption of this Resolution each Annual Conference, each Jurisdictional Conference, the General Conference, each College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops pledge their best efforts to eliminate as soon as possible all forms of racial structure from the organization of The Methodist Church, and further pledge to do everything possible to develop greater understanding and brotherhood in all aspects of church life and work.

2. Each Annual Conference and Jurisdictional Conference which has been part of a merger of churches or Conferences formerly separated by racial distinctions pledges its best efforts to work out all remaining adjustments, to use the ability of both clergy and laymen wherever they can be most effective in the work of the church, and to serve all people without regard to race.

Where such mergers have not yet been realized, each such Conference expresses its earnest determination to work toward such merger at the earliest possible date and hereby pledges to establish a Committee on Inter-Conference Relations composed of an equal number of ministers, laymen and youth to implement the recommendations and resolutions of this report and recommendation of the Plan of Action for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction adopted by the 1964 General Conference and that each board and agency of the church be alert for opportunities to assist each Committee in every possible way. Prior to transfer, the appropriate committees of the respective Conferences involved in mergers will formulate details of merger with due consideration to redrawing of district boundaries, disposition of real and other properties and other matters pertinent to the merger.

3. Whenever such mergers hereafter take place the continuing Annual Conference will:

a. Accept into its membership, with all the same rights, privileges, status and obligations, all ministerial members (whether on trial or in full connection) appointed to charges located geographically within the continuing Conference, all ministerial members under special appointment or retired ministerial members who hold Quarterly Conference membership in a local church located geographically within the boundaries of the continuing Conference.

b. Insofar as possible, the ministerial and lay persons now serving on boards and agencies of both of the merging Conferences shall serve during the current quadrennium on

like or similar boards and agencies of the continuing Conference, and thereafter membership in all such Conference boards and agencies shall be open to all persons on the basis of their qualifications without regard to race. In the event any Disciplinary provision limiting the number of members of a board or agency should prevent the continuation of all members during the current quadrennium, the Cabinet shall determine which members shall continue, in the spirit of this Resolution being careful to provide for a continuing representation of both of the former Conferences.

c. Within the boundaries of such a continuing Conference opportunities for spiritual and intellectual growth in Christian service shall be made available to all without regard to race or color. Such equal opportunities shall be provided particularly in such aspects of Conference programs as activities of the W.S.C.S., W.S.G., youth work, leadership training enterprises and the Board of Lay Activities.

4. Upon the adoption of this Resolution by the requisite¹ vote in the North Carolina-Virginia Conference, each of the Western North Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia Conferences, all of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and all of the Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference will be dissolved. Each church formerly part of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference shall thereupon be merged with and become part of the other of said Annual Conferences within the geographic bounds of which it is located.

5. Upon the adoption of this Resolution by the requisite¹ vote in the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference, in each of the Holston, Tennessee, Memphis, Kentucky and Louisville Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, in all of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and in all of the Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the Tennessee-Kentucky Annual Conference will be dissolved. Each church formerly part of the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference shall thereupon be merged with and become part of the other of said Annual Conferences within the geographic bounds of which it is located.

6. Upon the adoption of this Resolution by a 2/3rds vote of those present and voting in each of the Louisiana, South-

¹ Under Amendment IX a 2/3rds vote would be needed in the North Carolina-Virginia Conference to transfer it to the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Similarly, a 2/3rds vote of those present and voting in all of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and in all of the Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction is required for such transfer. The merger of North Carolina-Virginia with Western North Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia may require only a majority vote in each of the four Conferences. There seems to be no constitutional or Disciplinary requirement of more than a majority vote for merger of Conferences which are part of the same Jurisdiction, but the North Carolina Conference has asked the Judicial Council to determine that question.

west, Texas and West Texas Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, in all of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, and in all the Annual Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction, the bishop formerly serving the Southwestern Area of the Central Jurisdiction shall be transferred to the South Central Jurisdiction for residential and presidential service, and the Louisiana, Southwest, Texas and West Texas Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction will be Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction.

7. Upon the adoption of this Resolution by a 2/3rds vote of those present and voting in each of the Central Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Upper Mississippi and South Carolina Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and in all of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and all of the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, bishops who are then serving the Atlantic Coast and Nashville-Carolina Areas of the Central Jurisdiction, shall be transferred for residential and presidential service, and the Central Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Upper Mississippi and South Carolina Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction will be Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. By adopting this Resolution the Council of Bishops evidences its willingness to make the assignment. The transfer and merger of Conferences under paragraphs four and five and the transfer of Conferences under paragraphs six and seven will be effective upon the close of a special session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1967 and the Central Jurisdiction will thereupon be dissolved.

8. By the adoption of this Resolution by the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictional Conferences and by the Colleges of Bishops of Southeastern and South Central it is determined that beginning in 1968 the Episcopal residences and Areas will be so arranged that no Area will be composed solely of Annual Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction.

9. By the adoption of this Resolution the Council of Bishops evidences its readiness to transfer bishops across Jurisdictional lines in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution, and the bishops individually affirm their readiness to serve wherever they can be of greatest use.

10. By the adoption of this Resolution each Annual Conference, each Jurisdictional Conference, the General Conference, each College of Bishops and the Council of Bishops express their determination to do everything possible to bring about the elimination of any structural organization in The Methodist Church based on race at the earliest pos-

sible date and not later than the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972. They further express their earnest determination to do everything possible to develop greater understanding and brotherhood in Methodism as well as in the world.

The foregoing Recommended Procedure and Resolution were approved by our Commission and are respectfully submitted for adoption. We regret that despite sincere efforts we were unable to reach unanimous agreement on this division of our report. John T. King and Dennis R. Fletcher agree with the principle of the Recommended Procedure, but have abstained from voting because they feel strongly that the transfer of all Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction should follow a meeting of the Central Jurisdictional Conference, either in 1967 or 1968, which could fill the existing vacancy in the College of Bishops and make all other proper provisions for the final dissolution of the Central Jurisdiction, including adequate provisions for pensions and for the disposition of all property held in common by the Annual Conferences or by the Central Jurisdiction. Also, they feel that there should be a firm date set for the merger of all Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction and that certain details relative to merger should be agreed upon prior to merger.

Edwin L. Jones and John C. Satterfield voted against the Recommended Procedure and Resolution. Their minority report follows this report.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

General Discussion

On recommendation of the former Commission in Interjurisdictional Relations, the 1964 General Conference set up a Temporary General Aid Fund for assistance in pension aid and minimum salary aid to the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and the Rio Grande Conference. Further, provision was made so that such aid would "follow" these Conferences into the regional Conferences into which the Central Jurisdiction Conferences later merged. All such assistance was approved on the basis that the recipient Conference would gradually accept more and more of the added load until the aid finally ceased. Emergency or "hardship" aid was also provided for merged Conferences so that the sudden load of increased pensions and salaries would not be too great. The necessary apportionments are being paid into the Fund virtually 100% at the present time.

The present legislation was a pioneering approach into a new field; and although most parts of the program are

working well, even in the two years since the 1964 General Conference certain defects and omissions have appeared. Therefore, it is indeed fortuitous that we are holding a special General Conference in 1966 so that the Commission can recommend important necessary changes without further delay.

One matter of immediate concern is that, in the original desire to see that this assistance will truly be "temporary" and not permanent, the rate of reduction of payments for assistance from the Temporary General Aid Fund was set too steeply—so that it is already evident that the rate of decline in future aid payments will have to be "stretched out." For one thing, some of the Central Jurisdiction Conferences had certain special funds which helped them meet their 25% share of the original increases in pension and salary costs provided by the plan; but these funds are now nearly exhausted and it will strain the finances of some of the Conferences if the assistance de-escalates too rapidly.

Therefore, the Commission proposes that in lieu of the former plan which provided for a 15% de-escalation every two years (or 7½% average per year), the Temporary General Aid Fund assistance for pension needs be held at the present 75% level for the year 1966-67, that it be reduced to 70% in 1967-68, 65% in 1968-69, 60% in 1969-70, and then continue to diminish at the rate of 5% per year until it will finally run out in 1981.

Another major problem which has developed has to do with the differential in the pension rate with which merged Conferences have been faced for prior services in the former Central Jurisdiction Conference for those ministers who are received into the merged Conference. Some merged Conferences have already agreed to award such ministers pensions for all their *prior* service at the much higher rate of the merged Conference. Then they have asked for help in meeting this large increased pension load from the Temporary General Aid Fund.

For example, in the case of a Central Jurisdiction minister who had served say 15 years in his own Conference with perhaps a pension rate of \$20.00, his newly merged Conference has taken him in, not at his former Conference rate of \$20.00, nor at his new Central Jurisdiction rate of \$35.00, but at the merged Conference rate of say \$60.00 to \$80.00. Obviously, this has tremendously increased the pension load for those merged Conferences where a considerable number of former Central Jurisdiction ministers are involved. On the other hand, if we ask the general church to subsidize such rates in all Conferences still to-merge, the financial implications will be *immense*.

After thorough study of the matter, the Commission recommends that in future cases of merger of Conferences the Temporary General Aid Fund provide assistance based on the prior service of the incoming Central Jurisdiction ministers up to the \$35.00 rate in existence in their present Conferences. As one precedent for this recommendation, we found that when the members of the former Pacific Provisional Annual Conference were received into the various Conferences in the Western Jurisdiction, they were given credit for this prior service at a \$40.00 per year pension rate. Then each will receive the full pension rate of his merged Conference for his service there *after* merger.

We wish to make it clear we are not suggesting that \$40.00 pension rate or any other rate should be the maximum paid by a merged Conference for past service in the Central Jurisdiction. We are only fixing that level as the portion of such pensions which may be considered in the distribution of temporary general aid fund assistance to conferences hereafter merged.

However, this will leave certain presently merged Conferences already obligated to pay a much higher rate. First, we point out that this decision was made on their own volition, and probably the large additional cost should not fairly be a charge against the general church. Nevertheless, since a few of them are in a serious financial predicament because of these obligations already made, and since the 1964 General Conference committed itself to the \$100,000.00 "special hardship" appropriation (as a result of an amendment from the floor *on this particular subject*), the Commission recommends that this emergency pension fund should be continued so as to take care of the more extreme cases; provided, however, that assistance in these special cases in no event be given for the increased cost of pensions above the "1% of annual salary" rate suggested as a goal in Paragraph 1618 (5) of the *Discipline*.

Then, in addition, it appears that salary aid assistance to merging Conferences should begin with the year of merger and not be applied on a strictly chronological basis. Therefore, the Commission proposes that such assistance be based on the 75%-70%-65% formula commencing with the *year of merger*. Otherwise, Conferences which do not merge until three or four years later than others would not receive the same degree of financial assistance when they most need it—during the first few years after merger.

These changes and similar items mentioned later will require amendment of both the present legislation and the financial askings for the last year of the present quadrennium; and we present them herewith.

PENSION AID

In general, the Pension Aid has worked well to date. The data on which it is based is quite precise and is under central control at the headquarters of the Board of Pensions. Therefore, their original estimates have been quite accurate. Moreover, in an amendment from the floor, the General Conference of 1964 provided a special asking of \$100,000.00 per year to cover "special hardship" needs and this has taken care of unusual situations.

Since 1964 all the Annual Conferences affected have increased their previous pension rates to the \$35.00 goal set by the General Conference, and all have assumed 25% of the difference in this cost.

The Commission's first new recommendation here is that the time period for this aid be "stretched out" as previously discussed. The second recommendation is that the Temporary General Aid Fund assist merged Conferences to take over from the Central Jurisdiction Conferences with which they merge the obligation for *prior* pensions up to a \$35.00 rate per year of service and that, in turn, they receive from the Fund the same amount of money as would have been allocated to the Central Jurisdiction Conference for that year.

The third new recommendation is that, from any amount due the merged Conference from the Temporary General Aid Fund for pension assistance as above described, a deduction of 10 cents per member (for the total church membership in the merged Conference) be deducted annually from any such payment otherwise due—(i.e. in a 100,000 member Conference, a deduction of \$10,000.00 per year). This precedent has already been set by the Board of Pensions as a dividing line between those merged Conferences needing real help on a "hardship" basis and other merged Conferences where the new load is comparatively light.

RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION

Therefore, the new legislation proposed is as follows:

A. *Administration*

The portion of the Temporary General Aid Fund designated for pension purposes² shall continue to be administered by the General Board of Pensions as directed in Paragraph 1685 of the *Discipline*, in cooperation with the Annual Conference Board of Pensions, in accordance with the plan and principles set forth herein and such rules and regulations as may be adopted from time to time by the General Board of Pensions with the approval of the Com-

² See Section 2(a) of Report No. 11 of Council on World Service and Finance to 1964 General Conference.

mission on Interjurisdictional Relations or its successor. Annual reports on the administration of the Fund shall be made by the General Board of Pensions to the Commission.

B. Part 1—Pension Equalization

An Annual Conference shall be eligible for assistance from the Temporary General Aid Fund for pension purposes if the annuity rate during the 1964-65 Conference year was less than \$35.00; provided, however, that the assistance from the Fund will be supplied for pension purposes only to the extent that such Conference provides its portion of the additional pension costs as set forth below:

a. The Fund will provide a percentage of the additional annual cost incurred in an eligible Annual Conference to increase the annuity rate from the 1964-65 rate up to \$35.00; or the same proportion of such available assistance as the Annual Conference provides of such additional costs. The portion of this additional annual cost available from the Fund is outlined in the following schedule:

Period of Distribution	Assistance Available from the Fund
1966-67	75%
1967-68	70%
1968-69	65%
1969-70	60%
1970-71	55%
1971-72	50%
1972-73	45%
1973-74	40%
1974-75	35%
1975-76	30%
1976-77	25%
1977-78	20%
1978-79	15%
1979-80	10%
1980-81	5%
Thereafter	0%

Example: An example of the method by which Part 1 of this program would function is indicated below:

Year	Pension Rate Per Years of Service			
	From Annual Conferences	Accumulative Increase by Conferences	Matching Portion from TGAF	Total Pension Rate
1964-65	\$15	\$—	\$—	\$15
1965-66	20	5	15	35
1966-67	20	5	15	35
1967-68	21	6	14	35

Year	From Annual Conferences	Accumulative Increase by Conferences	Matching Portion from TGAF	Total Pension Rate
1968-69	22	7	13	35
1969-70	23	8	12	35
1970-71	24	9	11	35
1971-72	25	10	10	35
1972-73	26	11	9	35
1973-74	27	12	8	35
1974-75	28	13	7	35
1975-76	29	14	6	35
1976-77	30	15	5	35
1977-78	31	16	4	35
1978-79	32	17	3	35
1979-80	33	18	2	35
1980-81	34	19	1	35
Thereafter	35	20	0	35

b. Assistance from this Fund shall be given Annual Conferences in regional Jurisdictions into which Central Jurisdiction Conferences merge on the same basis as it would have been given the Central Jurisdiction Conferences had such merger not taken place; provided, however, that an amount equivalent to 10 cents per member (for the total church membership in the merged Conference) shall be deducted each year from the total amount of pension aid which would have otherwise been available to the merged Conference.

c. The support from Part 1 of the Temporary General Aid Fund relative to an individual church which later transfers under Amendment IX may be continued after transfer to the successor Conference on a proportionate basis.

B. *Part 2—Pension Assistance*

A successor or merged Annual Conference formed as a result of transfers from the Central Jurisdiction which pays pensions for prior service in that Jurisdiction at a rate of excess of \$40.00 per year shall be eligible for special "hardship" assistance for pension purposes from the portion of the Temporary General Aid Fund set up for this purpose (Section 2(b)—Report 11 of Council of World Service and Finance to 1964 General Conference). This assistance shall be temporary in nature and available only where there are significant relative additional pension costs. In no event shall this aid be given to pay any part of such additional costs which result from the merged Conference paying pension rates above the "1% of the average salary for the Conference" goal recommended in Paragraph 1618 (5) of the *Discipline*. The amount of assistance for each Annual

Conference shall be determined by the General Board of Pensions, in consultation with the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations or its successor, based upon both the apparent need and the funds available for distribution.

C. *Asking*

The asking for the Temporary General Aid Fund for pension purposes shall be made to the Council on World Service and Finance by the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations after consultation with the General Board of Pensions. The Council on World Service and Finance shall recommend to the General Conference the amount needed for this program; apportion same to the Annual Conferences; and distribute periodically the amounts received from the Fund to the General Board of Pensions in accordance with the requirements to meet the needs of this program and on the basis of the amount received.

D. *Amounts Necessary*

Part 1 of Program

The annual asking for this program shall be a fixed claim in the amount of \$240,000.00 for the remainder of the 1964-68 quadrennium. (Note: It is now estimated that the annual asking for Part 1 of the program shall be \$185,000 during the 1968-72 quadrennium; \$120,000.00 for the 1972-76 quadrennium; \$60,000.00 for the following quadrennium; and will gradually reduce to zero in 1982.)

Part 2 of Program

The annual asking for Part 2 of the Program shall be a general benevolence item in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the remainder of the 1964-68 quadrennium.

(The Commission suggests that the annual asking for Part 2 of the Program can be reduced to \$75,000.00 for 1968-69; \$70,000.00 for 1969-70; \$65,000.00 for 1970-71; \$60,000.00 for 1971-72, and shall gradually reduce to zero.)

ALTERNATE PENSION RATE

The Commission has felt that due to inflation and higher living costs for pensioners generally, the General Conference may wish to raise the \$35.00 per annum base adopted by the 1964 General Conference in the plan for Pension Aid to Central Jurisdiction Conferences and the Rio Grande Conference to a rate of \$40.00 per annum. A careful study of such an alternate plan has been made for the Commission by the staff of the Board of Pensions.

If all the terms and conditions of the above recommended legislation be retained *except* that a rate of \$40.00 per annum be substituted in each instance for the \$35.00 rate now included therein, and assuming that all the Conferences affected would in some manner be able to raise their 30%

share of the additional cost involved for the year 1967-68, the annual asking from the Conferences will have to be increased to \$290,000.00 for the last year of this quadrennium—1967-68 (as compared to the present asking of \$240,000.00 per annum). Then the estimated future askings for future quadrenniums would be as follows: \$230,000.00 for 1968-72; \$165,000.00 for 1972-76; \$110,000.00 for the following quadrennium and then a gradual reduction to zero.

The Commission makes no recommendation either for or against the adoption of this alternate rate; but it was decided to present the matter for the consideration of the General Conference. It may be stated, however, that, if adopted, it would assist both the remaining Central Jurisdiction Conferences and also the successor or merged Conferences by this additional amount (Editors Note: This Alternate Pension Rate was adopted. *D.C.A.*, page 945.)

SALARY AID

The 1964 General Conference provided for salary aid from the Temporary General Aid Fund in cases where the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and the Rio Grande Conference raised minimum salaries to certain levels—with \$3,000.00 annual salary as the top limit. The Conferences were to pay 25% of the additional cost and the Temporary General Aid Fund was to pay 75% for the first two years; and then this aid was to gradually decrease. These increases were to be achieved in steps with the above level originally scheduled for attainment in 1971-73. The Division of National Missions has since determined that these minimum salary levels should be achieved at earlier dates than originally scheduled, and has intended to reach the \$3,000.00 level in 1967-68.

Provision was also made for assistance in salary aid to merged Conferences "where major differences in minimum salaries exist." However, no real "ground rules" were established by the General Conference, and so the Division of National Missions has had to attempt to allocate payments from the Fund for assistance to needy Conferences without any real guide lines to go by.

Therefore, in line with the request of their staff for "guide lines," the Commission recommends herewith certain basic rules for the future use of this Fund.

In addition, it has developed that the amount necessary for salary assistance is most difficult to estimate accurately. The exact total of aid needed in any given year depends on local appointments and local budgets in hundreds of churches for which there is no central clearing house of

information. As a result our estimates have been based on the best data we have available and after consultation with the staff of the Division of National Missions.

First, the Commission now believes that under the present increased cost of living, a \$3,000.00 minimum salary is no longer a worthy goal for salaries for full-time ministers; and so we recommend that the level up to which we will assist be set at \$3,600.00 *per annum* for both Central Jurisdiction Conferences and the Rio Grande Conference starting with the year 1967-68. However, in striving for this goal, these Conferences and/or charges receiving temporary general aid shall provide 25% of the assistance during the next three years (1966-67; 1967-68; and 1968-69) with their acceptance of an increasing amount each year thereafter on the "70%-65%-60%" etc. basis until no further Temporary General Aid Fund assistance is required.

Then, this assistance should "follow" to the merged Conferences; and similarly, it should be set at 75% assistance for all additional cost to the merged Conference for the *first year after merger*; and shall then decline at a steady rate on the "75%-70%-65%" etc. basis.

The Commission further recommends that all the above aid should be granted to Annual Conferences on the above decreasing basis to be used *only*:

1. For "Conference members and approved supply pastors serving a pastoral charge *"full-time"* and if the minister is receiving *at least \$1,500.00* annual cash salary from this pastoral charge.

2. To assist individual ministers only for the Temporary General Aid Fund's share of the first \$1,200.00 of additional assistance required annually.

3. For help in those individual churches, the eligibility of which shall be confirmed by the certification of the District Superintendent to the National Board of Missions that:

- (a) it is not practicable to enlarge or combine the charge; and

- (b) an effective "every-member visitation" has been conducted for the current year.

4. If in merged Conferences a deduction of 3 cents per member per year (based on the total church membership in the merged Conference) be deducted from any Temporary General Aid Funds for salary aid which would otherwise be allocated to such Conference.

With these provisions, we believe that no further general church aid is necessary for merging Conferences.

Recommended Legislation

We therefore recommend that the General Conference amend and expand the provisions of Section 2-C (as amended) of Report No. 11 of the Council of World Service and Finance to the 1964 General Conference in all the above particulars.

This will require an *increase* of the general *asking* for the last year of the present 1964-68 Quadrennium on the following basis:

1966-67 (Same as present)	\$160,000.00 ³
1967-68 (Revised)	\$290,000.00

We then estimate that the annual asking necessary for the 1968-72 quadrennium would be approximately \$245,000.00; for 1972-76 approximately \$145,000.00; for the following quadrennium about \$70,000.00; and that it would then gradually decline to zero.

In conclusion, the Commission strongly recommends the above increase in the minimum salary and in the asking for Salary Aid. We believe that these upward adjustments in the maximum salary level, to which the Temporary General Aid Fund will partially assist needy Conferences, are absolutely necessary to make it fiscally possible for all Conferences to merge when they are otherwise ready to do so.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The Commission has been concerned that the merger of Annual Conferences formerly part of the Central Jurisdiction should not adversely affect the various institutions to which the Conferences had been contributing financial support. We therefore created a special committee to determine what has been happening and to present recommendations on this matter.

This study is continuing, but our present information is that to date the merged Conferences have quite generally complied with Recommendation 6 of the Plan of Action by continuing to Central Jurisdictional colleges and other institutions the support which had previously been carried by the churches which came to the new Conferences from the Central Jurisdiction.

The functions of these institutions is changing. In particular, the colleges whose services had been predominantly to Negroes have broadened their scope to include the entire community.

The colleges of our church historically operated for Negroes have a long and heroic history. Traditionally the

³ All Annual Conference budgets and salary scales are already adopted for 1966-67 and we believe that the \$160,000.00 will suffice for 1966-67.

Church has united in its support of this work with Annual Conferences far removed geographically, as well as those contiguous, joining in support through Race Relations Day and by special giving. In addition, in more recent years the general church has made available monies for capital improvements.

To radically alter these methods of support would deprive and jeopardize these colleges at the time of their greatest and most significant need, yet changes must be made to suit the new patterns of church organization and broadened concepts of race relations.

We, therefore, recommend that the Commission on Inter-jurisdictional Relations, in cooperation with the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Education and the Council on World Service and Finance, continue its study in this area and recommend to the 1968 General Conference a program for continued Higher Education support in The Methodist Church, with consideration of the future of these colleges as an integral part thereof.

The foregoing Financial Report has been unanimously approved by the members of the Commission and is respectfully submitted with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Conferences and the Council on World Service and Finance.

The membership of the Commission and the subcommission officers are as follows:

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Bishop Noah W. Moore
Rev. Dennis R. Fletcher
Mrs. Louis H. Fields, Secretary
Mr. John T. King, Chairman

North Central Jurisdiction

Bishop Edwin R. Garrison
Rev. John C. Ferguson, Secretary
Mr. Leonard D. Slutz
Mrs. E. E. Kinkel, Chairman

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Bishop Prince A. Taylor
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Mr. Samuel R. Pierce, Secretary

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Rev. William H. Dickinson, Jr., Chairman
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Bishop Everett W. Palmer
Rev. Cecil F. Ristow
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Mr. Atkinson, Vice-Chairman, and Rev. James, Recording
and Administrative Secretary.

Minority Report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations

The Reason the Central Jurisdiction Has Not Been Abolished

The undersigned members of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations, being the lay members representing the 2,839,540 members of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, file this Minority Report for the reasons set forth herein. With deference to the action of the majority of the Commission, we submit that the Majority Report and the proposed resolution attached thereto conflict with the instructions given to this Commission by the General Conference of 1964, exceed the jurisdiction of this Commission and are contrary to orderly course of procedure by the Annual Conferences and Jurisdictional Conferences which was recommended by the last General Conference.

The purpose of this Minority Report is (a) to pinpoint the present situation for the delegates to the General Conference of 1966, (b) to clarify the progress which has been made since 1964 and the reason that the Central Jurisdiction has not been abolished, (c) to point out the extent to which the Majority Report exceeds or is contrary to the jurisdiction of the Commission and the directions to it by the 1964 General Conference, and (d) to propose a resolution which we believe should be recommended by the Commission to the Annual Conferences of the several Jurisdictions.

In the 29 months following the adjournment of the 1964 General Conference far more has been accomplished by use of Amendment IX than during the preceding six years. If the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction had adopted resolutions in accordance with the recommendations of the 1964 General Conference, the Central Jurisdiction would have been abolished prior to the November, 1966,

special Session of the General Conference. The following are the major actions which have been taken:

1. The Delaware and Washington Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction have transferred to the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

2. The Lexington Conference of the Central Jurisdiction has transferred into the North Central Jurisdiction.

3. The Annual Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction and the five Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction lying within the geographic boundaries of the South Central Jurisdiction adopted resolutions for transfer. This was blocked by the vote of seven of the other eight Central Jurisdiction Conferences.

4. The North Carolina-Virginia Conference of the Central Jurisdiction and the North Carolina, Western North Carolina and Virginia Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction adopted resolutions for the transfer of such Central Jurisdiction Annual Conference into the Southeastern Jurisdiction and also for merger of the Conferences, but this has been blocked because the other Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction have failed to approve such action. This is also subject to the constitutional question discussed in the Majority Report.

5. All fifteen Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction adopted a resolution in accordance with the action of the 1964 General Conference which authorized transfer of all Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences within its boundaries. Transfer has been prevented by non-action of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction. There are attached to the Majority Report copies of the resolution adopted by the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. A careful review of this resolution will demonstrate that every recommendation of the 1964 General Conference has been fully met thereby. We hope that every delegate to the General Conference will study this resolution.

By the adoption of Amendment IX by the General Conference of 1956, and by the adoption of the reports of the predecessor Commissions by the General Conference of 1960 and 1964, three General Conferences have determined that the best interest of the Church is served by dealing with this very perplexing, very dangerous and very explosive issue on the basis of voluntary action by the Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences involved. The latest expression of the General Conference was its 1964 action approving the report of the Commission stating that, "Voluntarism is basic in the Commission's proposal," and that "The essence of the Plan of Action is that during the coming quadrennium

the Church will attempt, *in every instance on a voluntary basis* and acting under the procedures of Amendment IX, to achieve the termination of the Central Jurisdiction; that transfers shall proceed *on a schedule and in a manner dictated by the individual needs and desires of the merging units involved*," and that *"The timing of the second step—merging of Annual Conferences within a Jurisdiction—will be a Jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable."*

Furthermore, in outlining "The Plan of Action and Timetable for the Elimination of the Central Jurisdiction," the General Conference recommended the transfer of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction into the geographic Jurisdictions "pursuant to the voluntary procedures provided in Amendment IX," and that after such transfer had been accomplished and the Annual Conferences became a part of a geographic Jurisdiction, action should then be taken "(3) within a Jurisdiction, and by its voluntary action [resulting in] the merger of Annual Conferences and realignment of its Annual Conference boundaries." The recommendation of the Commission adopted by the General Conference then recites, "The Commission realizes that the final step (3) *will probably take place at different times in various regional Jurisdictions*, and urges each Jurisdiction to move forward as rapidly as conditions permit."

Transfer of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction into the South Central Jurisdiction was prevented by action of the Central Jurisdiction when seven of its other eight Conferences vetoed such transfer. This was directly contrary to the recommendation of the General Conference that:

The essence of the Plan of Action is that during the coming quadrennium the Church will attempt, in every instance on a voluntary basis and acting under the procedures of Amendment IX, to achieve the termination of the Central Jurisdiction; *that transfers shall proceed at a schedule and in a manner dictated by the individual needs and desires of the merging units involved*; and that individual Annual Conferences will transfer whenever feasible without being delayed for the simultaneous transfer of all Central Jurisdictional Annual Conferences.

The resolution adopted by the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction received a substantial majority in each of the fifteen Annual Conferences and a total vote of 5,944 for to 1,808 against, being more than the necessary two thirds majority. The Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction lying within the Southeastern Jurisdiction have failed to adopt resolutions for transfer which are in accord-

ance with the recommendations of the General Conference of 1964.

The reason the Central Jurisdiction has not been abolished is because its Jurisdictional Conference and Annual Conferences insist that the recommendations of the General Conference be disregarded and that transfer of Annual Conferences into the geographic Jurisdictions must be taken simultaneously with a merger of all such Conferences with the Annual Conferences thereof, or "during the same quadrennium in which the transfer becomes effective." This is directly contrary to the findings and recommendations of the General Conference of 1964.

Such actions of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction were in accordance with the recommendations made by the Central Jurisdiction Study Committee to the Central Jurisdictional Conference at Daytona Beach, Florida, held June 16-21, 1964. Such recommendations contained four specific requirements, stating on pages 24 and 25 that "These minimum standards and considerations should be the sine qua non of any decision of a Central Jurisdiction Annual Conference to transfer to a regional Jurisdiction under Amendment IX." The chief requirement which violates the principles laid down by the General Conferences and which has prevented the abolition of the Central Jurisdiction is as follows:

(1) The Jurisdictional Conference of the receiving regional Jurisdiction must agree that *during the same quadrennium in which the transfer becomes effective*, it shall reconstitute its Annual Conferences in such a way that each will include all local Methodist churches within its bounds, regardless of the racial characteristics of the membership of the local churches . . . Primarily because of opposition of the Commission of Thirty-Six, *the General Conference declined to incorporate this rule in the basic law of the church.* (See *Daily Christian Advocate*, May 1, 1964, pp. 161-165.) *Therefore, this requirement should be incorporated in any proposal to transfer an Annual Conference from the Central Jurisdiction to a regional Jurisdiction.*

Not only is such requirement one which the General Conference thus expressly declined to incorporate into the basic law of the church but it is directly contrary to the above actions of the General Conference, including the determination that the process under Amendment IX would be properly taken in two steps, the first being the transfer of the Annual Conferences into the geographical Jurisdictions, that "The timing of the second step—merging of Annual Conferences within a Jurisdiction—will be a Jurisdictional

matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable."

Factual Background

It is difficult for many to realize that action which would strengthen the Church in some areas of our country would destroy it in others. We hope that every delegate to the General Conference will review in his own mind the comparative number of churches (with all of the attributes appurtenant thereto) of the Central Jurisdiction which lie within his own Annual Conference. Whether or not a merger of Annual Conferences is to the best interest of The Methodist Church, the problems which would arise therefrom (whether individual, organizational, financial or otherwise), and the extent to which and the time at which such action would be to the best interest of The Methodist Church, all vary tremendously throughout the great expanse of our Church in the United States. That which is best for the Church in New England or the Northwest may not be best for the Church in the Southeast or the Southwest, and that which will benefit The Methodist Church in the Southwest might not be to the best interest of our Church in the Midwest or elsewhere.

It is difficult to compare the effect of merger upon different Annual Conferences for the reason that most of the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction overlap several Annual Conferences of geographic Jurisdictions. However, the following four instances embrace Conferences where the geographical boundaries are identical:

1. The South Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction now has 340 organized churches and the South Carolina Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction has 792 organized churches.

2. The Mississippi Conference of the Central Jurisdiction has 216 organized churches and the Mississippi Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction has 539 organized churches.

3. The Louisiana Conference of the Central Jurisdiction has 153 organized churches and the Louisiana Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction has 457 organized churches.

4. The Upper Mississippi Conference of the Central Jurisdiction has 533 organized churches.

These relative numbers compared to the Central Jurisdiction churches in other areas reveal (see page 5 of the report of the Commission to the 1964 General Conference) that as compared to the 697 Central Jurisdiction churches in South Carolina and Mississippi, the entire Western Juris-

diction contained three Central Jurisdiction churches, the entire Northeastern Jurisdiction contained 505 Central Jurisdiction churches. The South Central Jurisdiction outside of Louisiana contained 494 churches. This is one of the reasons for the repeated findings of the General Conference mentioned above. This factor alone demonstrates that every Jurisdiction and every Annual Conference cannot fit into one pattern and that any attempt to compel an overall pattern, whether by pledge, "target date" or constitutional amendment, would be destructive of our Church.

The Church tends to forget the facts which gave rise to the present situation with all of its problems. These were recited in the report of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations to the 1964 General Conference as follows:

Following the close of the Civil War (the Church having divided—North and South in 1844) the Church South and the Church North both took an interest in work among Negroes. The Church South on the request of its Negro members helped to organize (1872) and subsidized the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church (now the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church). This church (present membership 445,000) elected not to come into the Union of 1939 but the united church assumed the historic responsibility which had been that of the Church South (1960 *Discipline*, Section 250.3). The Church North began vigorously to organize Negro congregations, in the north and in the south, in competition with the AME, the AME Zion, the CME and other Negro churches, and these congregations were later organized into Negro Annual Conferences. Steps were taken to develop a Negro ministry. Beginning in 1920, by special ballot, the General Conference elected two Negro bishops for episcopal supervision of certain of the Negro Annual Conferences. *At the time of Union the Methodist Episcopal Church and 19 Negro Annual Conferences, subsequently consolidated into 17.*

There has been no change in the problem stated by the report of the predecessor Commission to the 1960 General Conference as follows:

The Church has been confronted with the same basic dilemma facing the nation: how may unity and harmony be achieved in the presence of intense sectional differences and tensions? Methodists have discovered, just as the nation has discovered, that in the long run the forces holding our Church together have been stronger than the forces of division and disunity. It has been necessary, however, to approach the differences in a spirit of compromise to

promote unity. Hence, if any single philosophical principle may be admitted by all as undergirding the jurisdictional system, it is that compromise may be an instrument to serve the highest ethical values.

In this spirit every geographical Jurisdiction has adopted resolutions under Amendment IX for elimination of the Central Jurisdiction in conformity with the recommendations made by the General Conference of 1964. Action of the Central Jurisdiction is outlined above.

Instead of supporting the spirit of compromise and cooperation evidenced by the actions of the 1964 General Conference, the Majority Report largely accedes to the "requirements" of the Central Jurisdiction. It substitutes a "pledge" for a "requirement." The end result is the same. It is contrary to the actions of the General Conference and of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

In order that the members of the General Conference may have a full factual picture it should be noted that the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations is composed of four representatives from each Jurisdiction. The Southeastern Jurisdiction (with 2,839,540 members) has four representatives, whereas the Central Jurisdiction (with 241,281 members) also has four representatives. Hence, the comparative ratio of vote to membership is more than ten to one (10 to 1) in favor of the Central Jurisdiction.

However, in 1964 prior to the transfer of a number of Conferences, the membership of the Central Jurisdiction was 373,595. Three former members of the Central Jurisdiction have been elected by other Jurisdictions as members of the Commission, so that seven out of the Commission's twenty-four members are present or former members of the Central Jurisdiction. On this basis, the ratio of vote to the former membership of the Central Jurisdiction as compared to the then membership of the Southeastern Jurisdiction is about thirteen to one (13 to 1).

The basis of representation is in contrast to the composition of the Commission for the quadrennium ending with the General Conference of 1960. Such Commission contained "one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction for each 500,000 church members or major fraction thereof," subject to fixed minimums and including additional members chosen from each Jurisdiction.

It is fortunate that there is a separation of Church and State, as otherwise the Supreme Court of the United States would hold our Commission to be unconstitutional under its decisions requiring representation in proportion to population, i.e., membership.

Summary of Action by the Southeastern Jurisdiction

The 1964 General Conference adopted the recommendations of the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations for the preceding quadrennium, including amendments to its original report which were presented by it to the General Conference. For the convenience of the delegates to this General Conference we quote more fully the actions of the 1964 General Conference. These include the following:

"Recommendation 2: That each regional Jurisdictional Conference urge any of its Annual Conferences which have not already done so, to study and when feasible to vote in favor of transfer to it to the Central Jurisdictional Annual Conferences lying within its boundaries.

"Reason: The vote, by two-thirds (2/3) majority, in the Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, is required by the terms of Amendment IX. Each Jurisdictional Conference should review the status and urge action upon any of its Annual Conferences which have not taken the action required by Amendment IX . . .

"Recommendation 4: That each Jurisdiction act, as promptly as details can be worked out and it is mutually agreeable, to merge Annual Conferences and in the process, establish a new episcopal area or areas, and assign the bishop who came from the Central Jurisdiction to an area.

"Reason: The transfer of Annual Conferences is merely a first step.

"The timing of the second step—merging of Annual Conferences within a Jurisdiction—will be a Jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable. . . .

"Recommendation 7: That the General Conference appoint for the 1964-1968 Quadrennium a Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations of twenty-four (24) members, consisting of one (1) bishop, one (1) minister and two (2) laymen from each Jurisdiction (with officers elected from the ministerial and lay members), with the same authorization as given to the present Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations (*Discipline*, Par. 2013) except that it shall have the added directive that if, by September 1, 1967, for any reason the Central Jurisdiction shall not have been dissolved pursuant to the procedures provided in Amendment IX, the Commission shall draft a report to the General Conference of 1968 on a plan for the termination of the Central Jurisdiction. . . .

"The proposal is based on the hope that all steps for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction can be taken on a voluntary and mutually satisfactory basis. *Voluntarism is basic in the Commission's proposal.*

"On the other hand, the Commission recognizes that the Church is impatient with delay and that there is wide demand that some date for the termination of the Central Jurisdiction be established. The Commission is reluctant to recommend the establishment of such a final date now because it believes that, if matters are left on a voluntary basis, the transfers of Annual Conferences can be accomplished. . . .

"Recommendation 7, page 27, proposes a continuing commission with a directive that if, by September 1, 1967, for any reason the Central Jurisdiction shall not have been dissolved pursuant to the procedures provided in Amendment IX, it shall draft a report to the General Conference of 1968 on a plan for the termination of the Central Jurisdiction.

"The recommendation does not purport to fix a termination date or to prejudge the work or judgment of the new Commission. No inference should be read into the recommendation. If, by September 1, 1967, all Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences have transferred, the Central Jurisdiction will be dissolved and obviously no further plan for the dissolution of the Jurisdiction is called for. The theory of the recommendation is that if on September 1, 1967, all such Annual Conferences have not transferred, the new Commission shall draft 'a plan.' Such a plan could be similar with the plan here submitted or radically different and propose constitutional amendments."

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, which met in 1964 after the General Conference, adopted the following resolution:

"We recommend that each Annual Conference approve the transfer of such Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction into the Southeastern Jurisdiction upon the condition that the merging of Annual Conferences within the Jurisdiction will be a Jurisdictional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable to the Conferences concerned, the boundaries of the transferring Conferences to remain intact until they may be changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as provided in the Constitution of The Methodist Church."

The Judicial Council, in Decision No. 234 as revised on April 15, 1966, rendered the following decision construing the above action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference:

Decision

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference has recommended that each of its Annual Conferences approve the

transfer into the Southeastern Jurisdiction of such Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction as lie within the geographical bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, such transfers to be made upon the condition that the merging of Annual Conferences within that Jurisdiction would be worked out when such mergers were mutually agreeable to the Annual Conferences concerned, the boundaries of the transferring Annual Conferences to remain intact until changed by voluntary action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference pursuant to its Constitutional power over the names, number and boundaries of its constituent Annual Conferences. The procedures embodied in this plan of action are mandated under existing church law; and the constitutionality of the plan, is therefore, sustained.

In accordance with the action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and recommendations contained in the above report which was adopted by the General Conference, the Southeastern Jurisdiction created an Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs. There was also appointed a similar Council by the Central Jurisdiction. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council at its meeting held on May 11, 1966, adopted the following resolution:

We recommend that a resolution to be drawn up by the Advisory Council, be submitted to the Annual Conferences at their next session, inviting the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction to become a part of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. This is in keeping with the action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

The Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs of the Southeastern Jurisdiction has held two joint meetings with its counterpart of the Central Jurisdiction. At the first meeting each Council appointed a drafting committee composed of five members of the respective jurisdictions. These drafting committees, in joint meeting (after full consideration and close votes on several paragraphs of the drafts), recommended a resolution for consideration of the two Interjurisdictional Councils by a vote of 7 to 1. The resolution thus adopted was presented to a joint meeting of the two Interjurisdictional Councils. All of the sections thereof were adopted at such meeting by more than a two-thirds majority, with the exception of the section numbered 3. Although Section 3 as proposed by the drafting committees received a majority vote of 16 to 12, it was not adopted by the agreed two-thirds vote and hence full agreement was not reached.

After the second joint meeting of the Advisory Councils on Interjurisdictional Affairs of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the Central Jurisdiction, at which they were unable to agree on the wording of Section 3 or to adopt a complete resolution to be recommended to their respective Jurisdictions, the joint drafting committees held another meeting at which numerous proposals were considered. The committees were unable to agree upon satisfactory wording for Section 3 of the proposed resolution, or any substitute thereof.

At the joint meeting of the Advisory Councils, four of the five representatives of the Central Jurisdiction Drafting Committee proposed, as a Minority Report, a substitute for Section 3. This contained the provisions now embodied in Section 3 of the resolution adopted by the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction by a vote of 5,944 to 1,808, with the exception of that portion of the proposed substitute which constituted an agreement by the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction and the Southeastern Jurisdiction "that merger of all the Annual Conferences shall be consummated prior to the 1968 General Conference." This clause was not included for the reasons set forth above.

The Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs of the Southeastern Jurisdiction found that the resolution is completely in accord with the recommendations adopted by the 1964 General Conference, as well as the action of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. It will permit the transfer of Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction lying within the geographical boundaries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to transfer in accordance with Amendment IX and, if similar action is taken in the other geographic Jurisdictions, will permit the abolition of the Central Jurisdiction. It will permit mergers of Annual Conferences within the Southeastern Jurisdiction to be handled in accordance with the provisions of Amendment IX and the recommendations of the General Conference and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Where such mergers are mutually agreeable to the Conferences concerned, they can be effectuated without delay. Where either a transferring Annual Conference or the present Southeastern Annual Conference or Conferences with which it is coextensive or overlaps, do not desire to carry out a merger, such merger will be taken only when it is mutually agreeable to the Annual Conferences concerned.

This resolution was adopted by every Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction by the total majority stated above.

Recommendations of the Minority Related to the Majority Report and the Attached Resolution

This Minority Report is necessitated by certain of the recommendations by the Commission to the Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences and certain portions of the resolution attached to the Majority Report. We will not lengthen this report by complete and detailed reference to each portion of the several recommendations with which we cannot agree, but refer generally to the matters which are either contrary to the actions of the 1964 General Conference, beyond the jurisdiction of this Commission, or improper and undesirable as a part of resolutions to be adopted under Amendment IX. These include:

1. The proposal that the Council of Bishops, each College of Bishops, each Jurisdictional Conference and each Annual Conference "express their determination to do everything possible to bring about the elimination of any structural organization in The Methodist Church based on race at the earliest possible date and not later than the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972." A resolution proposed and adopted under Amendment IX has no possible relation to any structure in The Methodist Church other than Conferences and Conference organizations. The resolution as drawn would apply to all structures within the Church beyond the jurisdiction and competence of the Conferences involved, such as hospitals, educational institutions, publishing houses, the entire "structural organization" of the Church. It is improper for such a resolution to require pledges, expressions of determination and similar recitations having nothing to do with the transfer of Annual Conferences and churches from the Central Jurisdiction and the later merger of Annual Conferences thus transferred.

2. In spite of the repeated expression of the will of the Church quoted above that all actions in this area should be mutually agreeable to the Conferences concerned and on a voluntary basis, the Majority Report recites that, "We believe all will agree that persuasion resulting in voluntary action is preferable to compulsion, yet compulsion can sometimes be preferable to voluntary inaction."

3. The proposed resolution would require a pledge on the part of each Annual Conference, each Jurisdictional Conference and each College of Bishops (as well as the Council of Bishops) to do everything possible to bring about the merger of Annual Conferences not later than the close of the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972. This is a recommendation which is simply a rewording of the position of the Central Jurisdiction (admitted by it to be directly contrary to the findings of the General Conference of 1964) and

would constitute the equivalent of action which the General Conference expressly refused to adopt.

4. A recommendation is included that as soon as possible the episcopal areas should be integrated and no area should include more than one transferred Conference formerly a part of the Central Jurisdiction. The recommendations and the proposed resolution would require the integration of episcopal areas beginning in 1968 as one of the conditions of the transfer. The General Conference of 1964 did not adopt such a recommendation, it is contrary to the organizational structure of The Methodist Church in which the matter of episcopal areas is determined by each Jurisdictional Conference, and any such requirement has no relation to any provision of Amendment IX.

5. Neither the report nor the resolution are drafted in accordance with the recommendation of the 1964 General Conference that, "The timing of the second step—merging of Annual Conferences within a Jurisdiction—*will be a Jurisdictional matter* to be worked out when such merger is *mutually agreeable*." The Methodist Church has survived the trying times since Unification by the preservation of diversity in unity. The Church has, since that date, repeatedly recognized that one uniform pattern and one uniform time schedule would not be to the best interest of The Methodist Church. The Majority Report fails to carry out this policy of the Church which, as mentioned above, has been reaffirmed by the last three General Conferences.

6. In addition to the proposal mentioned in paragraph numbered 1 above, the resolution includes several paragraphs having nothing to do with the jurisdictional and Conference organization of the Church and its change by use of Amendment IX. These are the nature of pledges by the Council of Bishops, the Colleges of Bishops, the Jurisdictional Conferences, and the Annual Conferences. Similar provisions suggested by the representatives of the Central Jurisdiction to the joint drafting committee and to the Advisory Councils of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the Central Jurisdiction were not adopted because of their total irrelevance to action under Amendment IX.

Form of Resolution Which Should Be Recommended to the Jurisdictional Conferences and the Annual Conferences

The Minority believes that the resolution proposed by the Commission to the several Conferences should be in the form approved by the joint drafting committees of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the Central Jurisdiction, considered and adopted with the exception of one paragraph by the Advisory Councils of those Jurisdictions (as set forth in

the minority report), and adopted by the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, a copy being attached to this Minority Report for the convenience of the delegates. In addition thereto, such resolution would properly contain the specific paragraphs of the resolution attached to the Majority Report which are not in contradiction of the matters above set forth, including paragraphs numbered 4, 5 and 6. Paragraph numbered 7 is included in the original form.

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APPENDIX A

WHEREAS the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church voted to move as quickly as possible toward the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, and the development of an inclusive church at all levels of the church's organization and life; and

WHEREAS the South Central Jurisdictional Conference and the Central Jurisdictional Conference approved resolutions to implement the General Conference actions; and

WHEREAS the Committee on Interjurisdictional Relations of the South Central Jurisdiction has had meetings with a like committee of the Central Jurisdiction Advisory Council, and the said joint committees desire to present a minimum basis for united action whereby all Annual Conferences involved can express their desire to proceed as rapidly as possible toward achievement of the objectives of the said Conferences;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. (a) The Central West, the Louisiana, the Texas, the West Texas, and the Southwest Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, by the adoption of this resolution in accordance with Amendment IX, shall be deemed to have voted to transfer from the Central Jurisdiction to the South Central Jurisdiction, subject to the conditions that (1) the South Central Jurisdictional Conference shall request the Council of Bishops to transfer to the South Central Jurisdiction for presidential and residential supervision Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., and (2) the Secretary of the said Jurisdictional Conference shall transmit such request to the Council of Bishops.

(b) The Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction

and the Annual Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction, by the adoption of this resolution in accordance with Amendment IX, shall be deemed to have approved the transfers of the aforementioned Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences to the South Central Jurisdiction.

2. (a) Each Annual Conference, by the adoption of this resolution, thereby commits itself to work faithfully for the development of an inclusive church at all levels of the church's organization and life. To implement this purpose the Annual Conferences within the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas agree to appoint representatives to State Interconference Commissions on Mergers (hereafter referred to as "State Commissions").

(b) Each State Commission shall report its recommendations to its constituent Annual Conferences, and to the 1968 South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

(c) By the adoption of this resolution each Annual Conference declares its intent to accomplish the merger of all transferred Conferences not later than 1968.

(d) Each State Commission provided for above shall be composed of one layman, one laywoman, one pastor, and one district superintendent from each Annual Conference in that State. These persons shall be nominated by the Cabinet and elected by the Annual Conference.

(e) The Bishop who presides over each Annual Conference that may be a party to a merger agreement shall also be a member of the particular State Commission involved.

3. Inasmuch as it is contemplated that some of the transferred Annual Conferences may desire to merge in the immediate future with Annual Conferences having overlapping geographic boundaries, the adoption of this resolution shall be deemed to be a request of the College of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction to convene a special session of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, as needed, to take such action as may be necessary to implement the objectives sought by the transfers of the aforementioned Central Jurisdiction Conferences to the South Central Jurisdiction.

4. The Annual Conferences adopting this resolution shall be deemed to have requested thereby the Council on World Service and Finance to consider the problems of pensions and minimum salary support growing out of Annual Conference mergers as church-wide problems, and to recommend to the General Conference that it provides adequate supplemental support for merged conferences on a continuing basis.

APPENDIX B

RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER AND ULTIMATE MERGER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA-VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WITH THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, It is the earnest hope of the membership of the Annual Conferences referred to herein that The Methodist Church shall become truly a racially inclusive Church; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the membership of the Annual Conferences referred to herein to eliminate all forms of discrimination based upon race in The Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the General Conference of The Methodist Church has urged that action be taken to bring about transfers and mergers of Annual Conferences from the Central Jurisdiction into the regional Jurisdictions of The Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference has urged that invitations be extended to the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction lying within the boundaries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to transfer into the Southeastern Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the time has come when the churches and membership of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference can be transferred into and subsequently merged with the other Annual Conferences referred to herein; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of all of the Conferences involved to adopt similar resolutions with reference to the transfer and merger of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference;

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved That:

1. The North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference, by the adoption of this resolution in accordance with the provisions of Amendment IX of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, shall be deemed to have voted to transfer from the Central Jurisdiction to the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

2. The other Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, and the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, by adoption of this resolution, in accordance

with the provisions of the said Amendment IX shall be deemed to have voted to approve the transfer of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference from the Central Jurisdiction to the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

3. The North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference, the North Carolina Annual Conference, the Virginia Annual Conference and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, by the adoption of this resolution agree that the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference, after it shall have been transferred to the Southeastern Jurisdiction, shall no longer continue to exist as a racially segregated Conference; and the said Conferences further agree to proceed with the merger of the North Carolina-Virginia Conference with the North Carolina, the Virginia, and the Western North Carolina Annual Conferences pursuant to the aforementioned Amendment IX.

4. By the adoption of this resolution the North Carolina Annual Conference, the Virginia Annual Conference and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference shall be deemed to have agreed to accept into their respective memberships, with all the rights, privileges, status and obligations as may be enjoyed by other members of said Conferences, the following persons:

(a) All ministerial members of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference (whether on trial or in full connection) appointed to charges located geographically within their respective boundaries.

(b) All ministerial members of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference (whether on trial or in full connection) under special appointment who hold their membership in a Quarterly Conference located geographically within their respective boundaries.

(c) All retired ministerial members of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference who hold their quarterly conference membership in a local church located geographically within their respective boundaries.

5. The ministerial and lay persons now serving on boards and agencies of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference shall serve during the current quadrennium on like or similar boards and agencies of the North Carolina Annual Conference, the Virginia Annual Conference and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, respectively. And said Conferences further agree that it is their intent and purpose that henceforth all of the boards and agencies of said Conferences shall be racially inclusive.

6. The North Carolina, the Virginia, and the Western North Carolina Annual Conferences, by the adoption of this resolution, shall be deemed to have agreed that within their

respective boundaries, opportunities for spiritual and intellectual growth and Christian service shall be made available to all without regard to race or color. It is agreed that such equal opportunities shall be provided particularly in such aspects of conference programs as activities of the W.S.C.S., W.S.G., youth work, and Leadership Training Enterprises and the Board of Lay Activities.

7. It is hereby agreed that wherever necessary existing congregations of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference shall be continued until such time as a more favorable climate has been created for the consideration of possible merger of congregations in close proximity.

Be It Further Resolved, that a vote on this Resolution for the Transfer and Merger of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference, and the votes of any and all other Conferences of the Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions, shall revoke and render void any and all other votes taken heretofore, relating to the plans of merger of the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference. This Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by appropriate action on the part of one or more of the Annual Conferences referred to herein.

Be It Finally Resolved, that the Secretary of this Annual Conference shall forward certified copies of this Resolution, together with a record of the voting thereon, to (A) the College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction, (B) the College of Bishops of the Southern Jurisdiction, (C) the secretaries of the other Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, and (D) the secretaries of the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

APPENDIX C

Plan for Completing the Elimination of the Central Jurisdiction Within the Geographical Area of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in Accordance with the Recommendations of the 1964 General Conference

WHEREAS it is the established policy of The Methodist Church to dissolve its Central Jurisdictional Conference, and achieve racial inclusiveness at all levels of the Church, and

WHEREAS the 1964 General Conference recommended as the first step that the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction transfer to the other Jurisdictions within which they are geographically located and that the second step of merging such Annual Conferences with the Annual Conferences of the geographic Jurisdictions "will be a Juris-

ditional matter to be worked out when such merger is mutually agreeable," and

WHEREAS the Central Jurisdiction and its Annual Conferences, and the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the South Central Jurisdiction, and their Annual Conferences desire to take such actions, individually and conjointly, as will implement as expeditiously as possible the said policy of The Methodist Church, recognizing that the problems and procedures involved in the merger of the Annual Conferences transferred from the Central Jurisdiction to the Southeastern Jurisdiction differ in many material particulars in the several areas involved, and that the best interests of The Methodist Church, of both Jurisdictions and of all the Annual Conferences will be best served by the second step of merger being taken when the same is mutually agreeable to the Annual Conferences affected,

Be It Resolved, therefore, as follows:

1. That the adoption of this resolution, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2 of Amendment IX of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, by the following Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction shall constitute a vote of each to transfer to the Southeastern Jurisdiction:

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| (a) Central Alabama | (e) Upper Mississippi |
| (b) Florida | (f) North Carolina-Virginia |
| (c) Georgia | (g) South Carolina |
| (d) Mississippi | (h) Tennessee-Kentucky |

The same vote of each of the Annual Conferences named above shall constitute the required approval of the transfer of all the other said Annual Conferences to the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

2. That adoption of this resolution (in accordance with the requirements of Section 2 of said Amendment IX) by the other Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, and by the Annual Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction shall constitute a vote to approve the transfer to the Southeastern Jurisdiction of all of the Annual Conferences named in Section 1 hereof.

3. The adoption of this resolution by the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the South Central Jurisdiction shall constitute an agreement that any one or more of the Annual Conferences named in Section I hereof may merge at any time subsequent to transfer, with one or more other Annual Conferences in such manner or on such basis as will eliminate one or more racially segregated Annual Confer-

ences, provided that the details of merger shall be formulated by joint commissions of the Conferences involved in the proposed mergers and approved by such Conferences prior to merger, with due consideration to the re-drawing of district boundaries, reorganization of boards and agencies, real and other properties, equal rights and status for all ministerial members (full and on trial and approved supply pastors), pensions and minimum salary. Following the transfer of the Annual Conferences named in Section 1, we pledge continued progress toward the merging of Annual Conferences at the earliest date mutually agreeable to the Conferences concerned.

4. That this resolution shall become effective upon:

- (a) A vote of the Central Jurisdictional Conference to transfer the resident bishops of its Atlantic Coast Episcopal Area and its Nashville-Carolina Episcopal Area to the Southeastern Jurisdiction; and
- (b) A vote of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to approve the transfer of the bishops of the said Episcopal Areas into its College of Bishops for residential assignment by that Jurisdictional Conference.

5. That each Annual Conference's adoption of this resolution shall constitute an urgent request of the bishops of the Central Jurisdiction, the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and the South Central Jurisdiction to convene special sessions of their respective Jurisdictional Conferences prior to the 1968 General Conference, said sessions to be held concurrently and in the same city, for the specific purposes of:

- (a) Transferring and reassigning Central Jurisdiction bishops.
- (b) Dissolving the Central Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church.

6. That the secretary of each Annual Conference of the Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions shall certify the records of voting on this resolution to each of the following bodies of The Methodist Church:

- (a) College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction.
- (b) College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.
- (c) College of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction.
- (d) Council of Bishops.

VI

GENERAL CONFERENCES OR GENERAL CONVENTIONS OF THE THREE CONSTITUENT CHURCHES FORMING THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Declaration of Union, Item III.

"The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church had their common origin in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784, A.D., and have ever held, adhered to and preserved a common belief, spirit and purpose, as expressed in their common Articles of Religion."

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

1784 (Dec. 24) Baltimore, Md. The Christmas Conference

1792 Baltimore, Md.

1796 Baltimore, Md.

Secretary

1800 Baltimore, Md. Nicholas Snethen

1804 Baltimore, Md. John Wilson

1808 Baltimore, Md. William Penn Chandler

Delegated General Conferences Began

1812 New York, N. Y. Daniel Hitt

1816 Baltimore, Md. Lewis R. Fechtig

1820 Baltimore, Md. Alexander McCaine

1824 Baltimore, Md. John Emory

1828 Pittsburgh, Pa. Martin Ruter

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1828-1936

President

Secretary

1827 Convention Baltimore, Md. . . . Nicholas Snethen . . Henry Willis

1828 Convention Baltimore, Md. . . . Nicholas Snethen . . Wm. S. Stockton

1830 Conference Baltimore, Md. . . . Francis Waters . . Gideon Davis

1834 Georgetown, D. C. . . Nicholas Snethen . . W. C. Lipscomb

1838 Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . Asa Shinn T. W. Pearson

1842 Baltimore, Md. . . . Asa Shinn John J. Reed

1846 Cincinnati, Ohio . . . Francis Waters . . J. E. Wilson

1850 Baltimore, Md. . . . Levi R. Reese A. H. Bassett

1854 Steubenville, Ohio . John Burns Francis Waters

1858 Lynchburg, Va. . . . W. C. Lipscomb . . W. H. Wills

1862 Georgetown, D. C. . Francis Waters . . D. Evans Reese
(Adjourned to 1865)

1865 Georgetown, D. C. . W. H. Wills D. Evans Reese
(Adjourned session)

1866 Georgetown, D. C. . W. H. Wills J. K. Nichols

1867 Convention Montgomery, Ala. . J. J. Murray C.-W. Button

1870 Baltimore, Md. . . . J. G. Whitfield J. G. Cherry

President

Secretary

1874	Lynchburg, Va.	L. W. Bates	A. C. Harris
1877	Baltimore, Md.	L. W. Bates	G. B. McElroy

General Convention

1880	Pittsburgh, Pa.	G. B. McElroy	Wm. S. Hammond
1884	Baltimore, Md.	Wm. S. Hammond	S. K. Spahr
1888	Adrian, Mich.	David Jones	U. S. Fleming
1892	Westminster, Md.	J. W. Hering	John F. Cowan
1896	Kansas City, Mo.	J. W. Hering	T. M. Johnson
1900	Atlantic City, N. J.	D. S. Stephens	H. L. Elderdice
1904	Washington, D. C.	F. T. Tagg	F. C. Chambers
1908	Pittsburgh, Pa.	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1912	Baltimore, Md.	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
1914	Columbus, Ohio	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck

Special Session

1916	Zanesville, Ohio	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
1920	Greensboro, N. C.	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1924	Tiffin, Ohio	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1928	Baltimore, Md.	J. C. Broomfield	C. W. Bates
1932	Columbus, Ohio	J. C. Broomfield	C. W. Bates
1936	High Point, N. C.	James H. Straughn	C. W. Bates

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1832-1844
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, 1832-1844

Secretary

1832	Philadelphia, Pa.	Thomas L. Douglass
1836	Cincinnati, Ohio	Thomas L. Douglass
1840	Baltimore, Md.	John A. Collins
1844	New York, N. Y.	Thomas B. Sargent

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1844-1936

1848	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Joseph M. Trimble
1852	Boston, Mass.	Joseph M. Trimble
1856	Indianapolis, Ind.	William L. Harris
1860	Buffalo, N. Y.	William L. Harris
1864	Philadelphia, Pa.	William L. Harris
1868	Chicago, Ill.	William L. Harris

Lay Delegates First Seated

1872	Brooklyn, N. Y.	William L. Harris (Elected Bishop, May 23, 1872)
1876	Baltimore, Md.	George W. Woodruff
1880	Cincinnati, Ohio	George W. Woodruff
1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	David S. Monroe
1888	New York, N. Y.	David S. Monroe
1892	Omaha, Neb.	David S. Monroe
1896	Cleveland, Ohio	David S. Monroe

Ministerial and Lay Delegates Now in Equal Number

1900	Chicago, Ill.	David S. Monroe
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Women Admitted to Membership

1904	Los Angeles, Calif.	Joseph B. Hingeley
1908	Baltimore, Md.	Joseph B. Hingeley
1912	Minneapolis, Minn.	Joseph B. Hingeley

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1916	Saratoga Spgs., N. Y.	Edwin Locke
1920	Des Moines, Iowa	Edmund M. Mills
1924	Springfield, Mass.	Raymond J. Wade
1928	Kansas City, Mo.	Raymond J. Wade
		(Elected Bishop, May 23, 1928)
		John M. Arters
1932	Atlantic City, N. J.	John M. Arters
1936	Columbus, Ohio	John M. Arters

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, 1844-1938

1846	Petersburg, Va.	T. N. Ralston
1850	St. Louis, Mo.	T. O. Summers
1854	Columbus, Ga.	T. O. Summers
1858	Nashville, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
1862	No session on account of the war.	
1866	New Orleans, La.	T. O. Summers
1870	Memphis, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
1874	Louisville, Ky.	T. O. Summers
1878	Atlanta, Ga.	T. O. Summers
1882	Nashville, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
		(Died during session)
		John S. Martin
1886	Richmond, Va.	John S. Martin
1890	St. Louis, Mo.	W. P. Harrison
1894	Memphis, Tenn.	W. P. Harrison
1898	Baltimore, Md.	John J. Tigert
1902	Dallas, Texas	John J. Tigert
1906	Birmingham, Ala.	John J. Tigert
		(Elected Bishop, May 17, 1906)
		A. F. Watkins
1910	Asheville, N. C.	A. F. Watkins
1914	Oklahoma City, Okla.	A. F. Watkins
1918	Atlanta, Ga.	A. F. Watkins

Women Delegates Seated for First Time

1922	Hot Springs, Ark.	A. F. Watkins
	Special Session	
1924	Chattanooga, Tenn.	A. F. Watkins
1926	Memphis, Tenn.	A. F. Watkins
1930	Dallas, Texas	Lud H. Estes
1934	Jackson, Miss.	Lud H. Estes
1938	Birmingham, Ala.	Lud H. Estes

THE UNITING CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

1939	April 26-May 10	Kansas City, Mo.	Lud H. Estes
1940	April 24-May 6	Atlantic City, N. J.	Lud H. Estes
1944	April 26-May 6	Kansas City, Mo.	Lud H. Estes
1948	April 28-May 8	Boston, Mass.	Lud H. Estes
1952	April 23-May 6	San Francisco, Calif.	Lud H. Estes
1956	April 25-May 7	Minneapolis, Minn.	Lud H. Estes
1960	April 27-May 7	Denver, Colorado	Leon T. Moore
1964	April 26-May 8	Pittsburgh, Penn.	Leon T. Moore
1966	November 8-11	Chicago, Illinois	J. Wesley Hole

VII

CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church as of June 1, 1966 are as follows:

(NOTE: (NE) Northeastern Jurisdiction; (SE) Southeastern Jurisdiction; (C) Central Jurisdiction; (NC) North Central Jurisdiction; (SC) South Central Jurisdiction; (W) Western Jurisdiction; (OS) Over Seas.)

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| 1. Agra (OS) | 29. Florida (C) |
| 2. Alabama-West Florida (SE) | 30. Florida (SE) |
| 3. Angola (OS) | 31. Foochow (OS) |
| 4. Argentina (OS) | 32. Georgia (C) |
| 5. Baltimore (NE) | 33. Gujarat (OS) |
| 6. Belgium (OS) | 34. Hinghwa (OS) |
| 7. Bengal (OS) | 35. Holston (SE) |
| 8. Bolivia (OS) | 36. Hyderabad (OS) |
| 9. Bombay (OS) | 37. Idaho (W) |
| 10. California-Nevada (W) | 38. Indiana (NC) |
| 11. Central Alabama (C) | 39. Indus River (OS) |
| 12. Central Congo (OS) | 40. Kansas (SC) |
| 13. Central Germany (OS) | 41. Kentucky (SE) |
| 14. Central Illinois (NC) | 42. Kiangsi (OS) |
| 15. Central Kansas (SC) | 43. Liberia (OS) |
| 16. Central New York (NE) | 44. Little Rock (SC) |
| 17. Central Pennsylvania (NE) | 45. Louisiana (C) |
| 18. Central Texas (SC) | 46. Louisiana (SC) |
| 19. Central West (C) | 47. Louisville (SE) |
| 20. Chile (OS) | 48. Lucknow (OS) |
| 21. Cuba (SE) | 49. Madhya Pradesh (OS) |
| 22. Czechoslovakia (OS) | 50. Maine (NE) |
| 23. Delhi (OS) | 51. Malaya (OS) |
| 24. Denmark (OS) | 52. Malaysia Chinese (OS) |
| 25. Detroit (NC) | 53. Memphis (SE) |
| 26. East China (OS) | 54. Michigan (NC) |
| 27. East Tennessee (C) | 55. Mid China (OS) |
| 28. East Wisconsin (NC) | 56. Middle Philippines (OS) |
| | 57. Mindanao (OS) |
| | 58. Minnesota (NC) |

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| 59. Mississippi (C) | 99. Philippines (OS) |
| 60. Mississippi (SE) | 100. Poland (OS) |
| 61. Missouri East (SC) | 101. Rhodesia (OS) |
| 62. Missouri West (SC) | 102. Rio Grande (SC) |
| 63. Montana (W) | 103. Rock River (NC) |
| 64. Moradabad (OS) | 104. Rocky Mountain (W) |
| 65. Nebraska (SC) | 105. Sarawak (OS) |
| 66. New England (NE) | 106. Shantung (OS) |
| 67. New England Southern
(NE) | 107. South Carolina (C) |
| 68. New Hampshire (NE) | 108. South Carolina (SE) |
| 69. New Mexico (SC) | 109. South Dakota (NC) |
| 70. New York (NE) | 110. South Georgia (SE) |
| 71. North Alabama (SE) | 111. South Germany (OS) |
| 72. North Arkansas (SC) | 112. South India (OS) |
| 73. North Carolina (C) | 113. South Iowa (NC) |
| 74. North Carolina (SE) | 114. Southeast Africa (OS) |
| 75. North China (OS) | 115. Southern California-
Arizona (W) |
| 76. North Dakota (NC) | 116. Southern Congo (OS) |
| 77. North Georgia (SE) | 117. Southern Illinois (NC) |
| 78. North India (OS) | 118. Southern New Jersey
(NE) |
| 79. North Indiana (NC) | 119. Southwest (C) |
| 80. North Iowa (NC) | 120. Southwest Germany
(OS) |
| 81. North Mississippi (SE) | 121. Southwest Texas (SC) |
| 82. North Texas (SC) | 122. Sweden (OS) |
| 83. North East Germany
(OS) | 123. Switzerland (OS) |
| 84. North-East Ohio (NC) | 124. Tennessee (C) |
| 85. Northern New Jersey
(NE) | 125. Tennessee (SE) |
| 86. Northern New York
(NE) | 126. Texas (C) |
| 87. Northern Philippines
(OS) | 127. Texas (SC) |
| 88. Northwest Germany
(OS) | 128. Troy (NE) |
| 89. Northwest Indiana
(NC) | 129. Upper Mississippi (C) |
| 90. Northwest Philippines
(OS) | 130. Uruguay (OS) |
| 91. Northwest Texas (SC) | 131. Virginia (SE) |
| 92. Norway (OS) | 132. West China (OS) |
| 93. Ohio (NC) | 133. West Texas (C) |
| 94. Oklahoma (SC) | 134. West Virginia (NE) |
| 95. Oregon (W) | 135. West Wisconsin (NC) |
| 96. Pacific Northwest (W) | 136. Western New York
(NE) |
| 97. Peninsula (NE) | 137. Western North Carolina
(SE) |
| 98. Philadelphia (NE) | 138. Western Pennsylvania
(NE) |
| | 139. Wyoming (NE) |
| | 140. Yenping (OS) |

Annual Conferences in Northeastern Jurisdiction	18
Annual Conferences in Southeastern Jurisdiction	17
Annual Conferences in Central Jurisdiction	14
Annual Conferences in North Central Jurisdiction	17
Annual Conferences in South Central Jurisdiction	16
Annual Conferences in Western Jurisdiction	7
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Annual Conferences in the United States and Cuba	89
Annual Conferences Overseas	51
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Total Annual Conferences in The Methodist Church	140

**PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES
IN
THE METHODIST CHURCH**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Austria (OS) | 10. Kalgan (OS) |
| 2. Baltic and Slavic (OS) | 11. Karachi (OS) |
| 3. Bulgaria (OS) | 12. North Africa (OS) |
| 4. Costa Rica (OS) | 13. Panama (OS) |
| 5. Finland (OS) | 14. Patagonia (OS) |
| 6. Finland: Swedish (OS) | 15. Peru (OS) |
| 7. Hong Kong (OS) | 16. Puerto Rico (NE) |
| 8. Hungary (OS) | 17. Taiwan (OS) |
| 9. Iban (OS) | |

**MISSIONS
IN
THE METHODIST CHURCH**

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Alaska (W) | 5. Nepal (OS) |
| 2. Hawaii (W) | 6. Russia (OS) |
| 3. India (SC) | 7. Yugoslavia (OS) |
| 4. Madeira (OS) | |

VIII
ASSIGNMENT OF BISHOPS
TO
JURISDICTIONS AND AREAS

See 1964 Journal, Volume II, Page 2150.

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DEVOTIONAL MESSAGES

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Monday, November 7, 1966, 7:30 P.M.

Chicago Temple

Bishop Frederick B. Newell (Retired)

(See Appendix, page 2793.)

Let us bow our heads in prayer:

We come now to hear thy word and to preach thy word.

Let thy word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For our meditation this night, just before the opening of this momentous session of the General Conference, I have chosen that lovely phrase from the Communion Service, "Draw near with faith."

And I have chosen these words for two reasons. First because I have discovered during a rather long, and I sometimes fear, a not too meaningful life, that faith is a quality of life that I have too often lacked. I learned it quite forcefully one day as I was leaving Korea after an inspection and planning pilgrimage for the restoration of our churches after the late war.

We had been at a lovely spot on the edge of the Yellow Sea with Korean ministers and workers, missionaries and Board executives and I was quite ill. As I was about to leave a young woman doctor, whom incidentally I had commissioned before she became a missionary doctor at Inchon, came to me and said, "Bishop, I hate to see you going on alone around the world in your present physical condition and I have made up some pills for you. If things get too hard, take one."

So I flew on my way, first for a brief sojourn in a hospital in Tokyo and then through the 100° heat of Thailand and finally late one Saturday night landed in the airport of Delhi, India. As we stood waiting what seemed an interminable time for customs inspection a swarm of gnats settled down on the field. We stood there brushing them off our clothes and out of our hair and off our belongings and finally in the middle of the night I reached my room in the Imperial Hotel only to find a message from a district superintendent. (I've never been able to understand why district superintendents have the remarkable knack of turning up so often in moments of my supreme exhaustion.) And the

message said, "Dear Bishop, I will pick you up tomorrow morning to preach at Christ Church (Robinson Church) at nine o'clock."

As I unpacked, my eyes fell on the package of pills the doctor had given me in Korea and I said, "If I ever needed one of these it's now." I opened the package and took out a pill and looked at it. Somehow it didn't look like medicine inside the capsule so I opened it and inside was a tightly rolled narrow strip of paper on which was written in a fine hand,

"If you only had faith, even the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it would be removed; and nothing would be impossible for you."

Then I understood what she had been doing at daybreak each morning with her Bible in hand sitting on the sand by the Yellow Sea. "If you only had faith"—and I arose the next morning and went to church to preach as I should have done.

But in the second place I have chosen this phrase "Draw near with faith" because I think I have detected in the corridors of the church as men have approached this union, apprehension and fear and criticism. It is time now to lay aside the heaviness that has so easily beset us and to approach this ecumenical step with faith and courage and confidence. "Draw near with faith."

I. Draw near with faith that the new church will be the *Church in Renewal*. That it will not be a church beset by bickering or apathy or indecision but a new church challenging the evils of this world.

A church that will never relax its determination to rid the nations of the evils of the malignancy of poverty—

A church that will not be at peace with racism either within or without its borders, no matter what ethnic group is involved.

A church that seeing its Lord standing on the shore of Galilee before the multitudes and having compassion on them will not be at rest while hunger stalks the earth.

A church that will not be afraid of the ghetto nor compromised by the suburb.

A church that will not be conformed to the slaughter of innocent people.

A church that will never be silent in the face of any issue threatening the welfare of mankind.

A church that will not be confined by any boundary nor restricted by any peril.

For the church needs not a defending hand but a rebirth

in courage. Let the new church be the *Church in Renewal*.

II. Draw near with faith that the new church will be the *Church of Revelation*.

It is apparent that this moment in church history may well come to be designated as the age of the great denial when nations and men (and some of them within this Church) are denying the existence of God, the uniqueness of Christ and the meaningfulness of the church. We approach this ecumenical step in the age of the great denial—and in such an hour in history I say to you the new church must be the church of revelation—a revealing church.

A church that reveals by its proclamation of the faith (and how stilted and enervating and unrevealing some of the preaching of this age has become)—a church that reveals by its proclamation of the faith the being and the reality of God.

A church that reveals by its exploration of the being and the majesty of God, the fact that the mystery of God is greater than the comprehension of man's mind. Perhaps this is where the men of doubt in this age most often fail. They fail to attain the realization that the mystery of God is greater than the comprehension of man's mind.

A church which reveals in the lives of its people a presence which often it cannot document—a presence unique and overwhelming—the presence of the one and only Lord of all life.

The new church must be the *Church of Revelation*.

The *Church in Renewal*—the *Church of Revelation*—and lastly the *Church of Redemption*—the church of redemptive power. We approach this ecumenical step in a moment when mankind possesses new and extraordinary scientific power which is almost immeasurable in its potential both for good and for evil. And the mind of man is so absorbed in the glamour yet often foreboding scientific possibilities of the hour that it forgets those other powers unseen but real which can transform a person or a nation or a planet.

One fears that the redemptive power while still possessed by the church is seldom preached in the fullness of its personal and social potential. And one is forced to ask

“What shall it profit a nation or a planet to be first to land a human being on the moon if that person or the environment which produced him is either corrupt or immoral?”

Rejoice in man's new found power to penetrate the heavens, to heal disease and to produce mathematical perfection, but be not unmindful of one who long ago admonished a sinful world “be ye also perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

"Draw near with faith" that the new church will be the church of redemptive power.

A church that will not compromise its message to a world immersed in immorality, corruption and insobriety.

A church that will not be persuaded that a social program operated by corrupt or immoral minds can ever save a hungry, torn and bleeding world.

A church that will never deviate from its belief that mankind can be transformed.

A church that will not silence its proclamation of the redemptive power of a living Lord.

Draw near with faith that the new church will be the church of redemptive power.

And now in a concluding word may I change the metaphor for a moment and ask you to fix your eyes on this table spread before you. It contains the holy elements of the Faith which you will soon be receiving. To this table I also bid you "draw near with faith."

"For to as many as received him"—that's what you are about to do—receive him. "For to as many as received him, to them gave he the power"—that's what you need isn't it—the power. "For to as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become"—that is really what you need isn't it—the power to become the person you ought to be. "For to as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God."

Draw near with faith.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

Tuesday Morning, November 8, 1966

BISHOP NEWELL S. BOOTH

Harrisburg Area—Northeastern Jurisdiction

(See Journal, page 2550.)

Hear these words from the Gospel of John: *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it unto you.

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

. . . when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Let us bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer.

(Silent prayer)

Grant to us, O God, that we may hear aright these words. —Amen.

Life more abundant, newness of living, eternal life, life. These are the words that Jesus used to define the purpose of his ministry: "I am come that they may have life and have it more abundantly" . . . "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." ". . . Whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life." ". . . A well of water springing up unto everlasting life." These are the variations on the constant theme that the intent of Jesus' work and life was to bring life to a new quality.

It's really part of God's age-long purpose. "Behold I make everything new!" To make life new again is a constitutive

principle of God's universe. Our bodies are a continual evidence of this example of making everything new. Cell by cell the old is replaced. The renewal of spring is a picture of the way God works.

Renewal can sometimes be dramatic, drastic, driving. It can be dramatic. It is like the Maluba in the ashes of the Congo. I have been there after a fire has swept the countryside and all is drear and black with the ashes from the burning. I have seen in the center of the desolation the brilliant coloring of the purple Maluba—no stalk, no leaves—just a sudden breaking forth of a flower, a symbol that life is new again. Life can be driving wide in its effects, like the sweeping from the trees of the flamboyant beauty of autumn, and life renewal can sometimes be drastic, like the decaying of the seed in the soil before the new plant and the harvest, dramatic, drastic, driving far but it is never catastrophic. It is not destructive. It is not a casting out but a recasting. The very leaves of Fall are pushed from the branches by the incipient bud beneath—the sign of new life. That is why really we like the green of Spring better than the painted death of the Fall. There is never discontinuity. The decaying seed has the germ in the vitality of new plant. The root of the Maluba lies living under the ashes. "I came not to destroy but to fulfill."

And so it is with the individual and the church. It is true that finding the meaning of the newness of life in a church or in an individual is not inevitable like these illustrations from our body or from nature. There is the necessity to intent and cooperation. There must be the willingness to cut off branches like pruning the trees. It does involve the decision to purge.

Jesus clearly stated his purpose. In his desire that all might have a more abundant life we realize that for him it was never quantitative. It wasn't more living, it was qualitative. He had it—the joy that could not be taken away, the peace that was not destroyed, the meat to eat—to do the will of His Father—never alone, because he was conscious of the presence of God. Yet this fullness of life was not in things. The Son of Man had nowhere to lay his head; he was nailed to the cross; he put into words the character of his own living when he said that "a man's life does not consist in the things he possesseth."

In the Scripture lesson of John 15, there is a description of what Jesus means to have newness of life. It is true that there are branches to be taken away and trees to be purged, trash to burn, seeds to die, leaves to fall, but more important than these is the positive aspect that Jesus had in

mind when he showed that life could come only by abiding in him.

We do not have time here to consider all the elements of abiding in Jesus that are expressed in these verses. We can but list them: "Abide in my words," the enriching ideas and thoughts of Christ; "continuing in love," sharing the motivation that was his; "keep my commandments," the determination to act in obedience to the imperatives; "that your joy may be full," an understanding of the deeper elements of satisfaction.

There are not only these four very personal aspects, but as we continue, there is the outreach. "Love one another." Realize that it is not merely a personal decision but that one is "chosen" by Jesus. There is the pragmatic expectation "bring forth fruit." A relationship to God is implied, "Ask the Father," and this relationship is made intimate in the coming of the Comforter to be with one. And the tenth element of all of this abiding, this newness, this renewal, to "bear witness," and to share it with others.

It is interesting that Jesus, in a later chapter, says that "this is eternal life, to know the Father." And "to know" here is more than to just to have a fact but to enter into a relationship. This is part of the meaning and the method of receiving the new life. Just as Jesus had said earlier that "whosoever believes . . . shall have eternal life." Again, this is qualitative—it's never a question just of the length of time.

It is this personal relationship with God and with others that makes possible a new life. As Wallace Fisher of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in Lancaster, said in his book *Preaching and the Parish Renewal*: "New life in any parish comes by the Holy Spirit through the living word confronting person through person."

And we do have the confrontation of persons here in this General Conference in the particular concern that is ours. And it is by such confrontation and the resulting growth that a social organism whether it is the church or the whole of society advances through continuity and change. It never begins all over again. We fool ourselves if we think there is any such thing as a new start.

But in the church, if we "abide in Christ," we shall move through the continuity of change into newness of living, eternal life, life more abundant. That was Jesus' intent and it is his achievement. This is the quality of living he makes possible. There is decision and then cell by cell replacement, the harvest of the planted seed, the flowers from the living root. This can be our experience.

What do we want from this coming together? There is a

positive message I think to this whole conference in what Dag Hammarskjöld wrote:

"You dare your 'Yes'—and expect a meaning.

"You repeat your 'Yes'—and all things acquire a meaning."

"When everything has a meaning how can you live anything but a 'yes'?"

Jesus said, "I am come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly."

Let us pray. (Silent prayer.)

Infinite God we commit our lives for these moments—these moments that we are gathered here together—to Thee, and we dare our "Yes" to life and to Thee in obedience to the Christ and abiding in him.—*Amen*.

(Singing of hymn)

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the word we have heard this day with our outward ears may through thy Grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living to the honor and praise of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen*.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

Wednesday Morning, November 9, 1966

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(See Journal, page 2592.)

We live in a world of walls. Some walls protect us; others cause us pain. There are walls that provide freedom, while others impose confinement. The selfsame wall may unite some of us and at once divide us from others.

From prehistoric huts to the most modern homes, from ancient markets to the modern megalopolis, man has shaped his walls, and his walls, time and again, have shaped his destiny.

Ancient cities, many of which remain, were protected from the enemy by mighty walls. In Cori, Italy, stand remains of massive walls built about the fifteenth century B.C. In nearby Norba, there are remains of walls built about the fifth century B.C.

When the author of Ephesians wrote about walls of hostility his readers understood his figure of speech. So do we. Today there are hostile walls, visible and invisible, everywhere. Who can forget the picture of eighteen-year-old Peter Fector sprawled on the top of the Berlin wall? He was shot down as he made a determined dash for freedom. As he lay there bleeding to death, he represented all of mankind, coloring his hostile walls red with his very life-blood.

Invisible Walls

The invisible walls that undo us are not the air corridors. They are those walls that separate nation from nation. They divide people by color, or by national, political or social background, or economic condition. They break homes apart, they separate friends. Such walls divide worshipers into different religions and separate Christians from each other. And we color them red.

When we look at the divided family of Christ we ought to weep. Carl Sandburg says it,

"Lay me on an anvil, O God, beat me into a crowbar, let me tear down old walls, loosen and lift old foundations."

Oh, if it were only that simple. But when we attempt to tear down one wall we have a particular genius for building three others in its place.

It may come clear to us one day that hostility will not destroy hostile walls. There are some necessary preliminary questions. Why do these walls exist? What are they? If we fail to understand them, can we hope to destroy them?

Our walls are not so much the consequence of outward circumstances as they are expression of an inward condition. A human being could be characterized as a network of walls in anatomical form. First we accept or build inner walls and then we project them around us into the world.

Robert Frost said, "Something there is that doesn't love a wall," and we must respond, "Yes but something there is that *does* love a wall." Something makes my walls seem necessary—even inevitable. What is it?

H. Richard Niebuhr wrote a book about *The Responsible Self*, in which he said, in essence, that all action, including what we indeterminately call "moral action," is response to action upon us. And so we act in response to situations, persons, places, things, etc. If this is true, what condition creates a hostile wall response? Why the wall? The reasons are legion, let's consider one or two.

We take on the walls of others—of parents, teachers, friends, community, or of our region of the world. Oscar Hammerstein was more right than wrong, "You have to be taught, systematically taught to hate!" We accept the walls of others. But we also build our own walls now. Why?

What brings a response of hate or hostility? Whatever else goes into it, one primary ingredient is fear! When change, or difference, confronts us we are threatened. When threatened sufficiently, we become afraid. We build a wall. An unresolved fear eventually becomes hate. What we hate we wish to avoid. And we build other walls. If we are unable to avoid what we hate, then ultimately we must destroy it, one way or another. We color our walls red!

Walls that divide are not always openly hostile. They may be camouflaged with syrup and honey. They may be walls of pride or prejudice, privilege, petulance, or solicitousness. But dividing walls are built upon foundation stones of fear, which may be buried so deep that we do not realize they are there. How much of life is shaped, motivated, and finally determined by fear? Perhaps no one knows. However, the walls that separate Christians, and those that divide us by races, for example, have a common foundation. International alliances are established not so much by common ideals and philosophy as by common fears. Study the record of the last fifty years. There are many strange and even incredible combinations on the world level most often welded momentarily by the fear of a common enemy or of a common event.

Racial barriers are a response to differences that threaten us. Have you ever thought of racial discrimination as sheer cowardice in action? That it is. We are afraid, so we build a wall. And we color it red!

And when we hear about "black power" and watch a riot on TV, we feel justified. But what is behind all of this? Our fears have built mighty walls! So in my part of the world in a fit of conscience we start urban renewal. We tear down old housing before occupants have a place to go. Consequently they pile in on one another until living conditions become unbearable. A national committee of Negro churchmen recently said that there grows a "silent and covert violence which white middle-class America inflicts upon the victims of the inner city. The hidden, smooth and often smiling decisions of American leaders which tie the white noose of suburbia around the necks, and which pin the backs of the Negroes against the steaming ghetto walls—without jobs in a booming economy; with dilapidated and segregated educational systems in the full view of unenforced laws against it . . . the failure of American leaders to use American power to create equal opportunity *in life* as well as *in law*—this they say is the real problem. . . ." And so we color these walls red.

Riots Are Hostile

The riot is a hostile response—but it is a response to a situation created by the cowardice of racial discrimination. If we act because we are afraid there will be a riot we act for the wrong reasons, with too little and too late. We should respond to the condition that makes a riot possible or necessary, not with concern for ourselves, but for the oppressed.

Economic walls are built by the poor who fear the power of wealth, and by the middle class and wealthy people who

fear the poor will get something away from them. Economic walls cut across other forces of unity. They separate persons within their own national, racial, social, and religious groups. And we color these walls red.

Religious walls are built first inside of religious people or groups who are threatened by other religious people or groups. Most of these walls are built on foundations of fear, and unless we understand this, our efforts to remove them will be futile.

We talk about unity and merger rather glibly. But talking is one way to dispel guilt and preserve walls. Action which is direct is another matter. Some persons imagine that denominational leaders alone stand in the way of church union; well, some try. Yet when I think of uniting churches which come from different denominations, I shudder a bit because I have learned to my amazement and dismay that often it is utterly impossible to merge two churches of the same denomination.

"My grandparents worshiped here," they say. Well, if such persons wish to honor their grandparents by continuing their pattern of life, then let them sell their automobile, buy a horse and buggy, and use it—but free the church of Jesus Christ to move ahead in the twentieth century.

An excuse is one thing but the likely reason is fear. Ecumenical action is threatening. It may mean yielding some sovereignty, some fixed ideas in structures, some prestige or identity.

This threatens a local congregation. It poses a threat to the pastor or to the bishop, to the board secretary or the professor, even to the General Conference.

But who has a right to attempt a twentieth century ministry and maintain eighteenth and nineteenth century divisions? Our greatest need is not for accusation but for confession.

Who is not threatened when he faces changes?

Work of Fear

If we have serious difficulty this week, preparing to unite The Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Churches, it is more likely to be the work of fear than the work of God.

If we put others on the spot, you see, it takes us off.

While we have every reason to expect to come together, we must—it is perilous to go all the way.

Charlie Brown and Lucy were feuding. Charlie stopped and said, "Hold it. The world is full of problems, people hurting other people, people not understanding other people. If we who are children cannot solve our insignificant problems, . . ." Then, suddenly, there is a "Pow!" Charlie's on

his back, Lucy's walking away saying, "I had to hit him quick. He was beginning to make sense."

What is it that makes us draw back?

If our own special interests are threatened, we become afraid.

Is there no power greater than fear?

One fear may overpower another but it does not tear down the walls of the first fear. It compounds them.

Super fears may bring temporary relief but they are not trustworthy.

Peace by peril is fraudulent.

Fear of a riot may bring expressions of brotherhood but they are empty.

Fear of bad publicity may bring denominational structural change without unity.

Are we helpless victims of our own walls?

The Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho and made a loud noise and this, we often resemble—the motion and noise.

But they had one thing which we may lack. They had an ark. They carried it before them. It was not an idol or an act of superstition.

It was there to remind them that God was involved, immediately and completely involved with them.

Involvement and faith were one and the same thing with them. They dared to go places and take risks, with the ark, which otherwise would have been impossible.

Is there a modern ark? What do we follow? What is the guiding, compelling force of life?

Is it the New Covenant, Jesus Christ? God has established a new ark. We call Him Lord and abandon Him. We want miracles from Him without involvement with Him.

When God fails to follow our directives, we assume He is dead.

The writer of Ephesians strikes to the heart of the matter. He is dealing with the separation between Jews and Gentiles and he says, "For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility."

Good. And, well, how did he do it?—By bringing the two together into himself in one new man and through the Cross bringing the new man in line with God, thus ending hostility.

But the Jews and Gentiles are not one, to be sure, but those who have turned to Christ as Lord and master are one.

Here is the obvious secret. When we come together in Christ, the hostile, dividing walls cannot continue to stand.

If they do, there is reason to question if we are in Christ.

This sounds like an easy, pat answer. It is anything but

that. It begins with a conviction that Christ, the ark, is real but the ark is not a tool to be used to the accomplishment of our purposes, and here is where Christian faith and people often part ways.

If we would use God, warned Augustine, then we do not believe in God but in ourselves.

Theologians remind us that Christ is not a cosmic bellboy but the ruler.

What does this mean here and now?

If we turn to Christ with first loyalty, we follow the ark. We declare ourselves not by our words but by our willingness to become involved with Him, no matter where, to the accomplishment of His purposes as it is given to us to understand them.

This is threatening. It is costly. It is painful. It is Christian.

Here, then, we look at our structure and merger and we ask not what can we preserve that we like or that we can use but what can we create here which Christ can and will use in the world?

What is of no use to Him should be scrapped.

How can we create a structure for His purposes if we turn to Him first? Separating walls may disintegrate and we may create something for His use rather than for our own.

Timothy must have felt the mighty surge of courage as he picked up his second letter and read: "God has not given us the spirit of timidity"—that is fear,—“but of power, love and self-control.”

In Christ, power, love and self-discipline are blended.

We have not been given the spirit of timidity. Power and love mean self-control, contrary to the modern notion that they mean uninhibited self-expression and hedonistic satisfaction.

Power and love become the means whereby we do what we otherwise could or would not do.

When it is called for, we simply force ourselves to act, even though it is distasteful or painful.

We look beyond ourselves in structure and in brotherhood.

It is proper to consider these two together for they are not separate issues at this General Conference.

Christ can bring us together in Himself and set us in line with God, if we turn to Him.

Christ Is Power

This may be a repulsive idea to some of us. It is threatening. But Christ is power and love and he does not hate. Each Christian is called upon to force himself at this point.

We may be forced by law to treat one another as equals but in Christ, once we bring ourselves together, we have the promise of newness and oneness.

This spirit of brotherhood is not something that will one day sweep up off our feet into inescapable bliss.

It is hard to achieve. If it causes me to suffer, then I must take my share of suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ but the pain is short-lived. If we have been given the Kingdom, then we respond by obedience to the Kingdom.

Bonhoeffer says we must first obey, whether or not we believe. If we believe, we will obey. If we do not believe, we should obey until we do believe.

And so, we accept one another. We are drawn to the Cross where our differences fade away.

If Christ is our ruler, we may then trust each other. This is not easy to do, yet somewhere, sometime, Christians have to take the deliberate step of trust. It is threatening. But we have not been given the spirit of timidity.

What other risk is so worth taking as this one, to trust one another?

As long as our first loyalty is in our denomination, our structure, our job, our nation, our race, our money, we cannot trust each other because in us, these things are so easily threatened, but when Christ is King, these things no longer exercise primary authority over us. They are walls that He will bring down.

This does not bring us into one mind, one bland glob with no individual identity, but into one spirit without differences.

Fear is overcome by perfect love, says John.

God is perfect love.

When we trust the process of perfect love, we become involved in it where life is being lived.

By faith, we live with love. We do not simply sit back and talk about it. Faith is not so much a leap in the dark as it is a link with light and power so that what we cannot do may be done by God.

William Hordern points out that New Testament faith is not a substitute for knowledge or a declaration contrary to fact.

It is a power that makes men new and whole. It purifies hearts. It moves mountains. It overcomes the worlds. It sends men.

New Testament faith insists that Christ lives in the believer. This means we are involved in Him. This means we are involved in the dirt, sweat, grime, beauty and glory of this world.

Involvement which makes use of fear and hostility in the

name of Christ lacks the creative power of involvement through faith or perfect love.

Wall-smashing that builds other hateful walls is hardly of the Gospel but, on the other hand, those who deliberately stand in the way of the oneness of man put themselves on a collision course with the crushing power of Almighty God. They defy the very nature of creation. They simply have not recognized the science of inevitable defeat.

In Christ, we recognize that we are and have been one by our creation; by the nature of that situation, dividing walls are superficial.

We do not then create oneness. We were created as one and we are called upon to recognize and accept our given condition.

If we are in Christ, then the walls cannot continue to exist between us as humans, but if we are separated from each other, we are inexorably separated from God.

This is our greatest problem, and at once, the great and glorious promise.

Jesus is the great equalizer. From the cross, he said to the disciples, "Behold, your mother."

Here is one of the most profound insights of Christianity.

He said to others, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

Now, He says, "Behold, your mother. You identify with me. You identify with mine."

Look over the ghetto wall and there she is, your mother—your mother, black, brown, white, yellow; your son, your daughter.

Look again at Christ and then, once more, look back. Look over the denominational wall and there she is, your mother, your father, your own child. Shall you continue to be frightened away from each other?

The walls that divide us are often all superficial and unnatural.

The community of Christ was established as one. We do not create our unity, we only recognize and accept it.

Have you ever read the startling one-act play about the two young shepherds who are dear friends? They are on a hillside, weary with the task of watching the sheep month in and month out. They devise a game. They pretend there is a wall that divides the land. On one side, one shepherd has all of the good grazing while the other has control of all the water.

Then you watch them day after day as the game becomes intense and finally, desperate. The sheep belonging to one are starving and the others are dying of thirst. Neither will grant the privileges of his land to the other.

After a few days, they are locked in mortal fighting. One of the young men strangles the other. Then, in dazed wonderment, he staggers back and forth across the field, muttering, "But there is no wall here. There is no wall at all. The wall was not real. O God, My God, why didn't we realize this?"

Father, how false, how unreal, how unnecessary are the walls that separate us from one another and from Thee.

Bring them down, in us, bring them down.

Let us be willing to take the risks and bear whatever the pain. We belong to each other. We belong to each other because we belong to Thee.

Now, unto Him who is immortal, invisible, and eternal, the only wise God, our Savior, glory, majesty, dominion and power now and forever more, *Amen*.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

Thursday Morning, November 10, 1966

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(See Journal, page 2663.)

We have for the last several years confessed to failures of a church and this has been essential, for our failures have been many and our sin has been great, but to confess failure without going on to confess a faith is a mistake and a futile exercise. But time may have come in our church when we need again not only to recognize clearly how completely we have failed in the church of Jesus Christ, but to recognize also that we have faith in Jesus Christ.

The scene out of a past has meaning for us today. When the crowds began to leave Jesus and He turned to his disciples and said to them, "Will you leave me also?"

And Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Keeping this in mind, keeping this scene in mind, let us recognize that we must continue to understand our failures and to confess our failures for they have been so great. To ignore them is to be less than honest. To recognize them is essential.

Possibly our basic failure has been a failure to understand the church's self-identity. To understand who she is, and what her nature and purpose are, we have taken that which should be a means and made it an end.

She has failed because time and again, she has sought to gain her life rather than lose her life. She has sought to be served rather than being the servant people of a servant Lord. And out of this our sins have arisen.

We could name many. Let us remember a few. One has been the separateness within the body of Christ which has been called the "Sixth Wound in His Body."

Not only have we been separated, but we have been in antagonism one toward another, suspicious and competitive with one another, forgetting that a body cannot say one part to another, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you."

Or second, the church too often has been exceedingly timid in dealing with the sin of racism.

Our words have been like Christ's words. Our actions have dragged far behind.

Several years ago the dean of one of our universities was asked, "Is the university integrated?"

His answer was, "It will be when we find a good enough Negro football player." (Laughter)

Then he followed with his devastating observation. He said, "It is easier to integrate a university through its gymnasium than it is through its chapel. And the fact is that the gymnasiums of America have shown more true Christian brotherhood than the churches have."

Or three; the churches fail the world as a reconciling force which is witnessed to by the brokenness of our world.

Indeed, we, the church, have not caused Vietnam, nor did we prevent it. We have been poor agents of reconciliation.

Or fourth; the church has run like a scared rabbit out of the inner-city. When the changing community meant the members moved away, we moved away, too, into the more comfortable suburbia. Thank God we are beginning to understand our mission where people live and where their suffering is and where their need is the greatest, but this has not been our record.

Or fifth; the church has forgotten that they have Crucifixion when the veil of a temple was rent in twain, signifying God for the world. For we have seen them try to resolve the rent in the veil of a temple and put God snugly into our sanctum, sanctorium, our holy of holies, into our sanctuaries and keep him there.

Sins Are Many

We could go on enumerating our sins, for they are many and they are great. But the time comes when to continually reiterate our weaknesses and our sins becomes an activity of a neurotic spirit. The continual self-legislation is an indication not of a Christian faith, and we seem at times to have taken certain joy—or kind of a psychotic joy in strip-

ping the church naked and flailing her in her nakedness that all men might see.

But this is the way the pagans exorcised their demons and this is not the Christian way.

Wesley once said that confession is the porch of religion, and to stand upon the porch and continually shout our failures for all the world to hear is some way less than Christian.

And so having confessed our failures, next we move to penitence for our failures and then to a confession of our faith, and from there, into action.

The time may have come for us to begin again confessing the faith in Jesus Christ, that in him there is hope in a day of despair. The day may have come when, instead of standing around talking about how miserable we are, we must move out and do that which needs to be done for Christ's sake.

Let us return again for a moment to that scene which is amazingly relevant in our day. We cannot indeed indicate that the Church today is precisely the same as Jesus, and yet the scene has certain similarities.

The crowds have been there and the crowds now have turned to go. The peace of mind boys were there, wanting their pep pill (Laughter) but they became uncomfortable as they listened to him speak. The idealists were there, wanting some pat, simple solution to the deep problems, but when he spoke of love, it seemed so soft and so indefinite and he seemed to do so little, and they went to find a better idealist who could give them a quicker answer.

The spiritual beggars were there with their tin cups, holding it out for bread or for spiritual healing or for physical healing or for easy discipleship, but when he spoke of foxes without holes or birds without nests and of the cross, they left.

The practical fellows were there, but when he started talking about "be ye therefore perfect," they said "But we live with situational ethics in a secular society." It is not possible. It is one of the loneliest scenes of all history.

We see the backs of those who have been disillusioned and are departing and Jesus turns to the twelve and says, "Will you leave me also?"

Peter answers, "Lord, to whom should we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

We must not neglect that which is creating the exodus from the church and the causes thereof, but isn't it time for us to stop looking at the backs of our departing brethren and moaning their leaving and turn again and look into the face of Christ? Does he still have for his church words of

eternal life that we need to hear and that we need to speak? I am convinced that he does.

Shall we listen to two or three of these? Let us listen as he says in the words, "In the world, ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

In the world tribulation, let us stop looking for ease and for comfort in the Christian way of life. Let us stop expecting to solve the problems of a church in some simple resolution.

One of the signs of hope in our day is the fact that again the church has shed blood for a faith and she will shed more.

In the world tribulation, the cross is still the symbol of the Christ and of those who would follow Him; but be of good cheer. "I have overcome the world," the words of an idle dream. It could not be. It is not true. Overcome the world? How foolish, the words of a young peasant. And we reject them in our hearts, for we know they are impossible.

But then, there comes slipping into our minds the suspicion that they may be true and our calling may be to be used of God in the overcoming of injustice, prejudice and hate and war. It's a word of eternal life. It is.

Or again, when he spoke, when he asked the question of who the men said that he was and they answered, and he asked them again who they thought he was and Peter again answered, "Thou art the Christ, the son of a living God" and Jesus said, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of John, for no man revealed this to you. It is a revelation from God that you understand my nature."

And then he went on to say this, and these words are what we call to your attention.

"On this rock, I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it or the power of death shall not prevail against it."

In our debate here in this Conference, at times we have forgotten who we are. We are the Body of Christ. We are the church.

At times we have not seemed to understand the nature of a church, the origin of a church, the destiny of a church, but here in this brief passage, we have answers to this. What is the origin of a church? The church is of God. I will build my church. We act at times as if we were out building it and I am sure our overseas brethren at times think not only that we think we have—we are building it, but we are labeling it "Made in U.S.A."

The Church is of God.

The second question, What is the nature of the Church? And he answers that. Its nature is its Christlikeness.

Paul, in the Twelfth Chapter of First Corinthians, uses the human body as the illustration of the Body of Christ, and he speaks to us that this body is one.

We keep talking as if we were, by our activities, going to make this church into a oneness.

This is a falsehood and a false understanding. The church is one. Our responsibility is to recognize its oneness.

This speaks to us concerning the Negro and the white, the north and the south.

The north cannot say to the south, "I have no use for thee" nor yet, the south to the north, "I have no need for thee," nor a white man to a Negro, "I have no need for thee," nor a Negro to a white man, "I have no need for thee," for we are one.

It says something about our E.U.B. Methodist union.

It is not that which we seek. It is that which is and is for us to recognize.

Within the body, there are different functions and at one time, one of these bodies had one function and another, another, but, as I see it, the functions are one, now.

This speaks to us about our place in ecumenism.

There are different functions but the unit is here and must be recognized.

He speaks to us of the destiny of the church, at times.

We have become exceedingly frightened because it seemed that the church was dying.

We have those who tell us the church is dead and we just do not know it; others who say we have two or three years.

But what does Jesus say?—"The power of death shall not prevail against it."

Now, this is a word of eternal life; but one more that he spoke that I would remind you of.

A man, standing, on the morning of the Resurrection Day, some years later, on an island in exile, is spoken to by a living lord.

This man, in a day of despair, when people are turning from the church, hears a voice of the Lord saying to him, "Speak to the people and say, 'Be ye faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life.'"

Beloved, we are not called to success. We are called to faithfulness.

The church has failed, failed miserably, and we must be conscious of its failures.

But the day has come for us not only to confess our failures. The day has come for us to recognize, again, as we look into the face of our Lord, "Thou hast the words of eternal life," and in this faith, let us go out to be the church, the body of Jesus Christ, in a world of need.

Let us pray.

May we never, O Lord, in our pride, forget to see that which we are and all that which we fail to be.

In agony, we confess our sins.

But may we move from confession to penitence and from penitence to faith and from faith to action that we may be like our Lord, a servant people in a bleeding world?

And now, may the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you forever.
Amen.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

Friday Morning, November 11, 1966

BISHOP SANTE UBERTO BARBIERI

Buenos Aires Area, Latin America Central Conference

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There are many people who imagine that God created the world in six days and that with this accomplishment He ended His creative work.

A certain church member stopped to attend Sunday services. The pastor went around to see him to find out what had happened.

He found that this man was working on Sunday, building his own house. When the pastor told him that Sunday was the Lord's day, he said: "It is a long time since God completed His task, I have not."

Do you remember when Jesus was scolded because He did good works on the Sabbath Day? His remark to His critics was:

"My Father is working still, and I am working."

For Jesus, God is the One who is always at work in His universe. The universe is always in the making as much as His kingdom is too.

Our concept of God needs to change, if we have the idea that once upon a time He spoke, He acted, He manifested Himself.

Jesus said that God even "clothes the grass of the field" and "feeds the birds of the air."

We have been reciting about Christ that He sits at the right hand of God, in heaven. And many believe literally that God is sitting on a throne.

Is God really sitting on a throne?

That may be our imagination. We have made of God a celestial emperor, like unto an oriental potentate. I rather think of God as a master workman, always engaged in building up and sustaining His universe.

Did He not reveal Himself in the person of a carpenter?

Christ's word and action should give us the true picture of God.

Author Locked Up

We read the New Testament lesson from a book written from a cave in the island of Patmos, toward the end of the first century, A.D. The author is locked up, but not God. God is busy "making new all things."

You will have noticed that the tense of the verb is in the present, neither in the past nor in the future.

What do we understand by "all things"?

1. Through the Scripture we come to know that God's first interest is in man. This was the main reason of His revelation in Christ. Christ Himself said to His adversaries: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." And Paul stated to the Corinthians: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to itself."

God is always searching for man so as to save him. Jesus' ministry did not end with the ascension. His promise was: "Lo, I shall be with you always—till the end of time."

"I am at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

If you study closely the Book of Acts, you will find that it is the story of the acts of Christ's Spirit through the Apostles.

Christ's parables in the Gospel of St. Luke 15, are portraying a God who seeks and finds men, and rejoices in their salvation. His vital interest is always in the remaking and renewing of man.

This is the emphasis also in Christ's ministry and teaching. His death on the cross is not for the vindication of a broken law, it is an act of love, so as to save man from sin and his eternal damnation.

Reshaping Our Lost Image

God was not absent when Christ was suffering on the cross. With Christ, he was reshaping our lost human image and being.

In the Prometheus Bound by Aeschylus, the hero is bound on the heights of the Caucasus. He is there punished by the gods because he stole fire for the benefit of man. His crime was to be good to his humankind, against the wishes of Jupiter, the god of gods, of the Olympian court.

But God, our heavenly Father, gives Himself in Christ to free men from their predicament. It is a totally different concept of divinity.

2. It is not necessary, of course, to stress that history is not static.

Changes take place at every minute, in the natural as much as in the human world. In our modern world, changes are rapidly coming and going. The world is shrinking. People unknown to and far away from us have become our neighbors. We feel that we have to expand beyond our earthly limits.

But, even so, each one of us is almost a stranger to himself.

Is God present in this changing world? Is He moving away from us? Or are we moving far away from Him? Is He dead, or are we dying in our sophistication?

I reckon that He is challenging us to a new way of thinking, of acting, of relating ourselves to the world of men and things. His Spirit is troubling our spirit. Since Christ came, this is true.

Did He not say: "You have heard that it was said, . . . but I say to you—" What did God say to the men of old, what does He say to the men of today? Is it not Christ's voice always the contemporary voice? Have we filed away His Sermon on the Mount? Is it fantasy, illusion, day-dreaming, anachronic teaching?

Can we take those teachings and give them new applications? Are we still living within the framework of a tribal or nationalistic or paternalistic God? Are we still dividing men and women in superior and inferior, those who have pure blood or mixed blood, those who are black or white or yellow; Africans and Europeans and barbarians, developed and underdeveloped, and so on?

Do we still believe in a God of armies and battles, and of elected peoples? Do we still think of God as democratic or conservative, or what not? Has He not declared to us that His world is one, and one the whole of humanity, and that "he made from every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth"?

Is not His aim the Kingdom of God, the transformed humanity into the likeness of Christ? Has He not revealed us mysteries of His creation so as to develop our resources and replenish our granaries? Do we insist in the old law of "one eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," instead of the commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you"?

Is He not compelling us to follow Him in this new creation, which is none other than the one announced by Christ in His vision of and passion for God's Kingdom?

What wonderful dimensions this Kingdom has, this "new heavens" and this "new earth."

It goes beyond our geographical boundaries, beyond our

discriminations, beyond our group egoism and and egotism, beyond our race bias, beyond our political and economic clashes, beyond our national pride and exclusivism, till we shall see in every human creature a real brother, and in God, our inspiring and dynamizing Spirit.

3. From his cave, John saw the distant land and skies. I was in that cave once, at sunset. The sun seemed to be burning up the clouds on the distant horizon which lost itself in the immensity of the blue sea.

He must have seen many times that same brilliant scenery. No, his prison was not the end, and tyranny not the last power.

His world, his life, his destiny were in God's hands. God would create a new world, without blood of martyrs, and tears, and persecutions, and tyrants.

He was there chained to a mountain, like Prometheus of old, but he was not a slave to circumstances. He believed in Christ's victory. Beyond that cave, beyond that sea, beyond those burning clouds and that horizon, beyond death, he saw the new day: God acting and redeeming, and building "all things new."

God's dimension is an eternal one, beyond space, and time, and disruption.

At the end of his *Divine Comedy*, Dante sees the future victory of Christ as an immense rose, filling the heavens. It is a rose made up of human beings from the four corners of the world, redeemed by God's love through Christ, and shining by the light of His glory.

That is a tremendous poetical vision: a world of beauty, of harmony, of peace, of purity. Was it only a poet's fantasy, who tried to escape the reality of life?

Is it not also the dream which God has thrust into our heart, so that we should not cease to struggle, to hope, to love in the midst of our passions, and tribulations and inconsistencies?

It is the tremendous challenge which Christ put in front of us: "Be ye perfect as your Father who is in heaven is perfect."

It is an impossible task, but it is our task, to stretch out our will as far as we can, with hope, and faith, and charity.

We have to preach, without ceasing, the coming of this new world. It is our task, our privilege, our glory. In front of a world which is fading away, we have to hold on to the vision of God "making new all things."

God is still inviting us; He does it sometimes with harsh facts and words, but He never leaves us.

As with Isaiah of old, He is still inquiring: "Who will go for us?"

Are we ready to accept His challenge and to say: "Here I am, send me"?

(Congregation rises and sings Hymn No. 198)

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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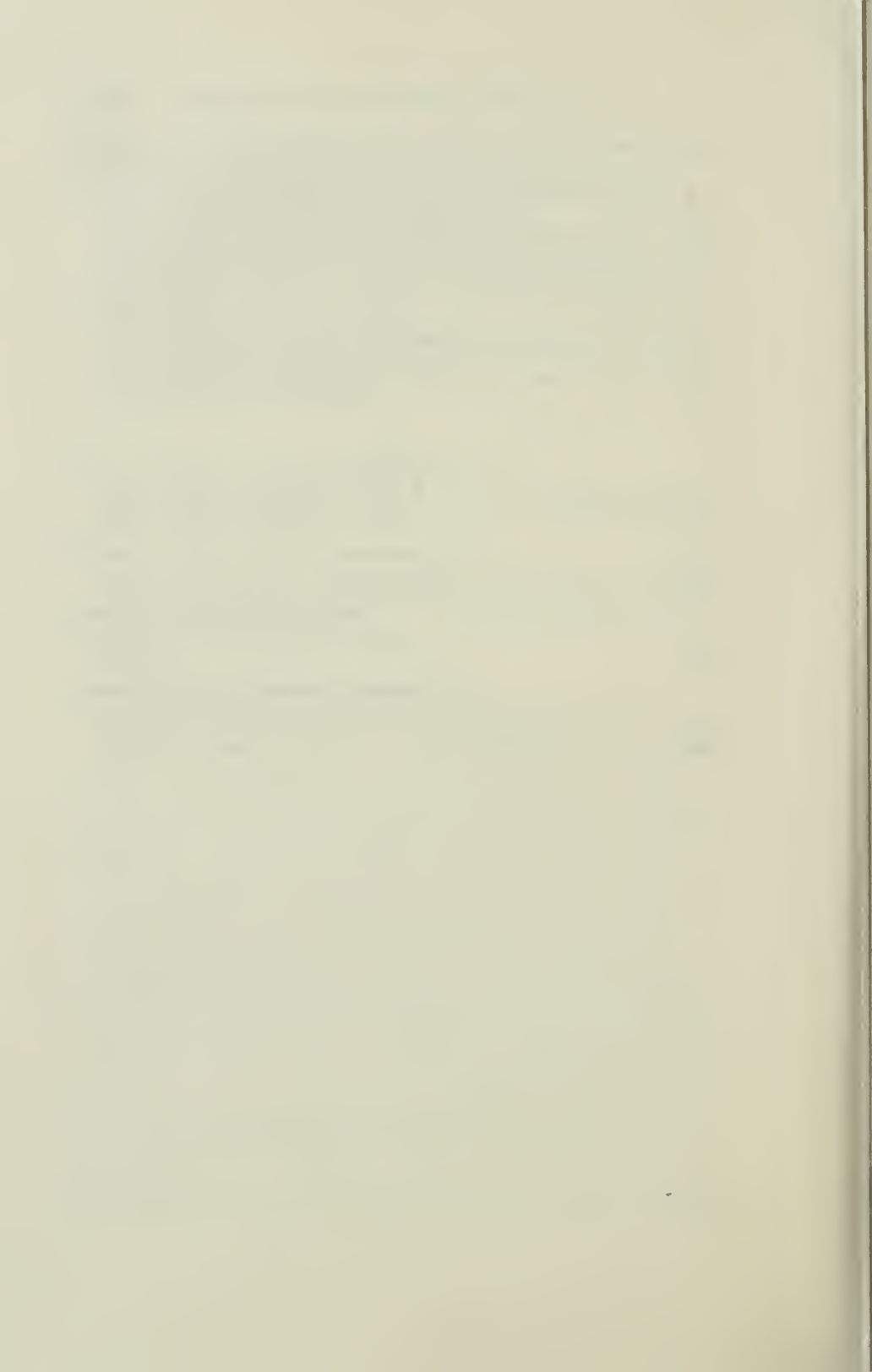
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